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Crippled cruise ship crawls its way into Mobile

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MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — This is not at all how it looked in the brochure: Pulled by a tugboat at a maddeningly slow pace, the ill-fated cruise ship Carnival Triumph finally drew within sight of land on Thursday as miserable passengers told stories of overflowing toilets, food shortages, foul odors and dangerously dark passageways. Around midday, four days after the 893-foot ship was crippled by an engine-room fire in the middle of the Gulf of Mexico, the

more than 4,200 passengers and crew members suffered another misfortune when the towline snapped, bringing the vessel to a dead stop just when it was getting close to port. The towline was quickly replaced, and the crawl to Mobile resumed. At Press Time, the ship was expected to arrive around midnight Thursday. Officials said it would take passengers up to five hours to get off the ship, and then they faced an hours-long bus ride or other travel hassles to finally get back home. Frustrations with the cruise

line simmered on and off the ship, as passengers and their relatives questioned why it had taken so long to get back to dry land. The ship left Galveston, Texas, a week ago. Television images from CNN showed passengers with signs of "Help" and "I love you" hanging from their cabin rooms. As the vessel drew within cell phone range, passengers vented their anger. Renee Shanar, of Houston, was on board with her husband, who she said has heart trouble. They were told they will be among the first to disembark, she

said. "I don't believe them, they've been lying to us from the beginning," Shanar said. Disgusted by the foul air and heat on the lower decks, many passengers hauled mattresses and bed sheets onto the top deck and slept there, even staying put in a soaking rain. As the ship approached the coast, a slew of Carnival workers removed the bedding and took it downstairs. "Today they cleaned the ship, they're serving better food, covering up basically, but at least they're making it more bearable,"

said Kalin Hill, of Houston, who boarded the Triumph as part of a bachelorette party. Shanar they were initially only given cold cuts, like turkey and vegetable sandwiches. Then another cruise line dropped off hamburgers and chicken sandwiches, but the line for that fare was nearly four hours long. "There's poop and urine all along the floor," she said. "The floor is flooded with sewer water ... and we had to poop in bags."

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Officials: Burned remains identified as Dorner

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BIG BEAR LAKE, California (AP)** — Officials said Thursday that the burned remains found in a California mountain cabin have been positively identified as a fugitive former cop who launched a deadly revenge campaign against the Los Angeles Police Department.

Jodi Miller, a spokeswoman for the San Bernardino County sheriff-coroner, said the identification was made through Christopher Dorner's dental records. Miller did not give a cause

mand post authorities had set up in the massive manhunt, Karen and Jim Reynolds said they came face to face with Dorner inside their cabin-style condo. The couple said Dorner bound them and put pillowcases on their heads. At one point, he explained that he had been there for days. "He said 'I don't have a problem with you, so I'm not going to hurt you,'" Jim Reynolds said. "I didn't believe him; I thought he was going to kill us." Police have not commented on the Reynolds' account, but it renews questions about the thor-

"Chilling. That's the only word I could use for that," said Ed Tatosian, a retired SWAT commander for the Sacramento Police Department. "It's not an unfathomable oversight. We're human. It happens. It's chilling (that) it does happen." Law enforcement officers, who had gathered outside daily for briefings, were stunned by the revelation. One official later looking on Google Earth exclaimed that he'd parked right across the street from the Reynolds' cabin each day. The Reynolds said Dorner was upstairs in the rental



Law enforcement authorities investigate the burn-out cabin where accused quadruple-murder suspect Christopher Dorner died after barricading himself inside, during a stand-off with police in the Angeles Oaks area of Big Bear, Calif. (AP Photo/John Valenzuela)

of death. The search for Dorner began last week after authorities said he had launched the revenge campaign for his firing five years ago, warning that he would bring "warfare" to LAPD officers and their families. The manhunt brought police to Big Bear Lake, 80 miles (129 kilometers) east of Los Angeles, where they found Dorner's burned-out pickup truck abandoned. His footprints disappeared on frozen soil and hundreds of officers who searched the area and checked out each building failed to find him. Five days later, but just a stone's throw from a com-

monhousness of a search for a man who authorities declared was armed and extremely dangerous as they hunted him across the Southwest and Mexico. "They said they went door-to-door but then he's right there under their noses. Makes you wonder if the police even knew what they were doing," resident Shannon Schroepfer said. "He was probably sitting there laughing at them the whole time." The notion of him holed up just across the street from the command post was shocking to many, but not totally surprising to some experts familiar with the complications of such a manhunt.

unit Tuesday when they arrived to ready it for vacationers. Dorner, who at the time was being sought for three killings, confronted the Reynolds with a drawn gun, "jumped out and hollered 'stay calm,'" Jim Reynolds said during a Wednesday night news conference. His wife screamed and ran downstairs but Dorner caught her, Reynolds said. The couple said they were taken to a bedroom where he ordered them to lie on a bed and then on the floor. Dorner bound their arms and legs with plastic ties, gagged them with towels and covered their heads with pillowcases. □

Travel agents: No effect yet from cruise debacle

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NEW YORK (AP)** — Some travel agents on Thursday said cruise prices and bookings have not been affected by reports about a disabled Carnival ship, but others in the industry say it's too early to tell. The Triumph was being towed to Mobile, Alabama, Thursday amid reports of filthy conditions onboard after the ship lost power at sea due to a fire. "As of now, cruise bookings throughout Travel Leaders Group have not been impacted and we are not seeing cancellations," said Kathy Gerhardt, spokeswoman for Travel Leaders, a network of independently owned and operated travel agencies in the U.S. Gerhardt noted that the cruise industry is in the middle of "wave season," the six-week period each winter when cruise vacations are promoted for spring and summer travel with deals and advertising, "and our bookings to date have been very strong and robust compared to one year ago." Heidi Allison-Shane, a spokeswoman for CruiseCompete.com, said the website has "seen above-average quote requests as well as bookings over the last five days with very few cancellations. Prices remain the same." But others sounded a note of caution. "Initial reports from travel agents indicates no impact yet, but there are clear concerns that after the ship returns to Mobile and videos come out, that may turn the tide," said Michael Driscoll, editor of the industry newsletter Cruise Week. "No single cruise ship problem has been so vividly reported over a drawn-out period of time, other than Concordia," the ship that capsized off the coast of Italy in January 2012, killing 32 people. Driscoll said Carnival canceled a one-day sale this week and will be hit harder than other cruise lines

by the Triumph story. Carnival owns the company that operated the Concordia, and a third Carnival ship, the Splendor, lost power at sea in 2010 and was towed back to port under similar conditions to those on the Triumph. Driscoll added that "many cruise sellers expect a harsh round of media coverage to spike Friday and over the weekend, as firsthand reports and visuals get reported in national media and the hometowns of people once they return from the cruise. Logically, that may cause a downward blip in bookings, but it is expected to pass quickly once the situation dies down." But Carolyn Spencer Brown, editor of CruiseCritic.com, said that while "travel agents are going to say this is not going to have any impact," she believes "it's too soon to tell." She added that consumers are right to be concerned: "This is a cruise line problem. This is not an act of God or nature." The Costa Concordia's effect on the cruise industry unfolded over a period of months in 2012, as revenues grew at a slower rate than had been expected. A November 2012 report by PhoCusWright, the global travel market research company, said the cruise industry's growth rate fell to 4 percent in 2012, down from 7 percent in 2011. In addition to the Concordia, the industry was hurt by the U.S. recession and European financial crisis. But on Thursday, PhoCusWright senior research director Douglas Quinby said the Triumph is in a "completely different category" from Concordia. "Events like the Triumph, while they're obviously very unpleasant ... they're rare and they do not tend to have a long shelf life within consumer consciousness, especially among the core cruiser set, those consumers that cruise frequently and love cruising." □

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The 14-story ship still must negotiate a tricky, shallow shipping channel, and was expected to be the largest cruise liner to ever dock in Mobile. The channel narrows to 400 feet inside Mobile Bay, and the ship was only 115 feet wide. It was traveling about 5 mph.

The company disputed the accounts of passengers who described the ship as filthy, saying employees were doing everything to ensure people were comfortable. Carnival didn't immediately respond to questions the illnesses reported by some passengers. Terry Thornton, senior vice president for Carnival Cruiselines, said they received an extra generator that allowed them to serve hot food.

"This is going to be a long day," Thornton said. "There is no way we can speed up the process."

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say it's too early to tell.

When passengers arrive in Alabama, their stay will be short. Carnival said they were being given the op-

company said it booked 1,500 hotel rooms. Those staying in New Orleans will be flown Friday to Houston. Carnival said it will cover all

Hill, is on the cruise. "If I hit land in Mobile, you'd have a hard time getting me on a bus."

Thelbert Lanier was waiting

1/2 days. Happy Valentines Day!!! I love u & wish I was there," she said in the text message, which was viewed by The Associated Press. "It's 4:00 am. Can't sleep...it's cold & I'm starting to get sick."

Carnival spokesman Vance Gulliksen said the company tried to keep families updated and established a toll-free number for friends and relatives. Gulliksen said about 200 Carnival employees were in Mobile waiting to assist passengers upon their arrival.

The ship was about 150 miles off Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula when an engine room fire knocked out its primary power source, crippling its water and plumbing systems and leaving it adrift on only backup power. Carnival said the original plan was to tow the ship to Progreso, Mexico, because it was the closest port, but by the time tugboats arrived, the ship had drifted about 90 miles north due to strong currents, putting it nearly equidistant to Mobile. □



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tion of boarding buses directly to Galveston, Texas, or Houston — a roughly seven-hour drive — or taking a two-hour bus ride to New Orleans, where the

the transportation costs.

"I can't imagine being on that ship this morning and then getting on a bus," said Kirk Hill, whose 30-year-old daughter, Kalin Christine

at the Mobile port for his wife, who texted him early Thursday.

"Room smells like an outhouse. Cold water only, toilets haven't work in 3

New Jersey senator Lautenberg says he'll step down

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Sen. Frank R. Lautenberg of New Jersey will retire rather than seek a sixth term next year, he said Thursday.

Lautenberg, at 89 the oldest member of the Senate, was to officially announce his decision Friday in Paterson, where he grew up the son of poor immigrant parents. "This is not the end of anything, but rather the beginning of a two-year mission to pass new gun safety laws, protect children from toxic chemicals, and create more opportunities for working families in New Jersey," he said in a statement. "While I may not be seeking re-election, there is plenty of work to do before the end of this term, and I'm going to keep fighting as hard as ever for the people of New Jersey in the U.S. Senate."

Lautenberg, a Democrat who earned his fortune as

a founder of the huge payroll firm Automatic Data Processing, had left the Senate once before, in 2001, but hated retirement so much that he jumped at the chance to return when the state's Democratic Party was looking for someone to replace Sen. Robert Torricelli, then facing an ethics investigation, on the ballot in 2002.

This time, Lautenberg's decision has been on-again-off-again for several months. His office was initially considering announcing it at the annual dinner of the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce in Washington in January, but it had been complicated by Mayor Cory A. Booker of Newark, a Democrat who announced in December that he would seek the Senate seat — whether or not Lautenberg retired.

Lautenberg's aides had been telling Booker that

the senator was leaning toward retirement and that the decision was coming soon. When Booker

enberg was reluctant to step away from his work in Washington, particularly when the Senate histori-

governments ultimately banned smoking in restaurants and other public spaces. He also led battles



Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D-N.J.) speaks with reporters in the Capitol Building in Washington. Lautenberg said on Thursday, Feb. 14, that he will retire rather than seek a sixth term next year.

(Brendan Hoffman/The New York Times)

declared his candidacy anyway, Lautenberg was openly upset, so much that the senator began talking about running again.

His family was pressing for his retirement, but Laut-

cally had members who worked well into old age. Lautenberg counts as his biggest achievement the ban on smoking on airplanes, which set off the process in which many

to lower the legal blood-alcohol limit to 0.08 percent; to raise the drinking age to 21; and to force companies to disclose what chemicals they emit into the air and the water. □

Bloomberg, in last annual address, cites gains, goals

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NEW YORK — In a spirited, even defiant speech that amounted to a fierce defense of his municipal stewardship — along with a healthy dose of self-congratulation — Mayor Michael Bloomberg delivered his 12th and final State of the City address Thursday, rattling off accomplishments of his three terms and pledging to do more in his remaining months in office.

The speech struck a boastful and occasionally sassy tone for a mayor in the twilight of his mayoralty, suggesting that Bloomberg feels he has established a high bar for running New York City. He referred repeatedly to his political independence, at one point chastising his fellow elected officials, most of them Democrats, for not backing his plans to break the

union representing striking school bus drivers.

"The special interests and campaign donors have never had less power than they've had over the past 11 years," he said, alluding to the fact that his personal wealth has allowed him to refuse campaign donations. "And this year, we're going to show them just how true that is."

Bloomberg, speaking to an audience that included most of the candidates seeking to succeed him, made no secret that he is concerned that the next mayor might take a different approach. Speaking about a proposed rezoning near Grand Central Terminal, he said, "We won't rush the rezoning — but we won't allow obstructionists to run out the clock either."

And then, in a sentence that could sum up his attitude toward his final year in office, he said, "Given all the politics and special

interests, if we don't do it this year, it may never get done." Held in the grand setting of the new Barclays Center in Brooklyn, and preceded by a rollicking soundtrack and a dance

pal government that he has represented: outsized, with a knowing sense of spectacle, and underwritten by the huge fortune of a mayor who is also among his city's richest residents.



New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg delivers his State of the City address at the Barclays Center in New York, Feb. 14, 2013. Bloomberg delivered his 12th and final State of the City address Thursday, rattling off accomplishments of his three terms and pledging to do more in his remaining months in office.

(Uli Seit/The New York Times)

routine from the Nets' cheerleaders, the speech seemed like a swan song not just for Bloomberg but also for the era of municipi-

Bloomberg, who has been heavily criticized for his Police Department's heavy use of a stop-question-and-frisk practice that has

largely involved black and Hispanic men, pledged to take a step to reduce the number of people who spend time in jail as a result of police stops. He said that, starting next month, anyone arrested for possessing a small amount of marijuana who has an ID and is not the subject of a warrant would be released and ordered to return to court, rather than being held overnight, as is the current practice.

But Bloomberg also reaffirmed his commitment to the stop-and-frisk policy, saying the city has a "responsibility" to continue conducting stops.

"As long as I am mayor, we will not shirk from it," he said. A cosmopolitan mayor who is often inspired by practices of European cities, Bloomberg also called for the legalization of for-profit youth hostels to help attract more young budget travelers. □



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GOP senators block vote on defense post for Hagel

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WASHINGTON — Senate Republicans on Thursday blocked a vote to confirm former Sen. Chuck Hagel as secretary of defense, ar-

publican, fell just short of the 60 votes needed to cut off debate and clear the way for final consideration of his nomination.

Republicans said they intended to allow a vote

is usually filled with bipartisan support.

Democrats vowed to hold another vote when the Senate returns from recess. And all signs indicated that many Republicans who

said Sen. Harry Reid of Nevada, the majority leader, who said that he planned to call Hagel and say: "I'm sorry for the president, I'm sorry for the country, and I'm sorry for you. But we're not going to give up."

Hagel, a former senator from Nebraska and decorated Vietnam veteran, had earlier appeared to have at least the 60 votes required to break a Republican filibuster.

But McCain and other Republicans who had said they might oppose Hagel but would not back a filibuster said they would not support ending debate until they received more detailed answers to questions about the administration's response to the attack on the U.S. diplomatic mission in Benghazi, Libya.

Specifically, a group of Republican senators, including McCain and Graham, have asked President Barack Obama whether he spoke with anyone in the Libyan government to request assistance during the attack.

In an effort to address these questions and quiet the political uproar that has erupted over the Hagel vote, the White House on Thursday wrote to the senators informing them that Obama spoke to the Libyan president the evening after the attack, not the day of.

"We continue to urge the full Senate to act swiftly and confirm former Sen. Hagel," said the letter, which was from the White House counsel, Kathryn Ruemmler. □



From left: Sens. John McCain (R-Ariz.), Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) and Kelly Ayotte (R-N.H.) hold a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington, Feb. 14, 2013. Senate Republicans on Thursday blocked a vote to confirm former Sen. Chuck Hagel as secretary of defense, arguing that Democrats were trying to rush a choice that they needed more time to consider.

(Christopher Gregory/The New York Times)

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In a 58-40 vote that broke down almost strictly along party lines, Hagel, a Re-

on their former colleague when the Senate returns from a break in 10 days, but Democrats said the Republican position amounted to a historic filibuster of the nominee for a post that

voted against Hagel on Thursday would not do so then.

"Republicans have made an unfortunate choice to ratchet up the level of obstruction in Washington,"

American, US Airways land \$11B merger

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DALLAS (AP) — US Airways CEO Doug Parker has landed the big merger he sought for years. Now the soon-to-be CEO of the new American Airlines has to make it work.

The fleet needs new planes and new paint. Frequent flier programs have to be combined. American's on-time performance must improve. And the airline needs to win back business travelers who have drifted to competitors. But Parker's nothing if not persistent.

After months of courting, the companies on Thursday announced an \$11 billion merger that will turn American into the world's biggest airline, with 6,700 daily flights and annual

revenue of roughly \$40 billion. It's a coup for Parker, who runs the much-smaller US Airways Group Inc. and believes that mergers help airlines achieve higher revenue and consistent profits.

When the deal closes later this year, the four biggest U.S. airlines — American, United, Delta and Southwest — will all be the products of mergers that began in 2008. Those deals have helped the industry control seats, push fares higher and return to profitability. But it's not easy to stitch two airlines together.

Some of Parker's work has already been done. American parent AMR Corp. has cut costs and debt since it filed for bankruptcy protection in late 2011. Pilots from both airlines have agreed

on steps that should make it easier to combine their groups under a single labor contract, a big hurdle in many airline mergers. But when the deal closes — expected by September as part of AMR's plan to emerge from bankruptcy protection — there will still plenty to do.

The new company will have to combine the separate computer systems that American and US Airways use for reservations and other functions, while avoiding the glitches that have plagued United since it switched to Continental's system.

The airline will have to fly better. Last year, American ranked 14th out of 15 airlines for on-time performance, according to government statistics. □

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Jeb Bush outlines vision to re-energize economy

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SAN ANTONIO, Fla. - Jeb Bush wouldn't say this week whether he's likely to run for president in 2016, but at Saint Leo University he did suggest a surprising role model for the sort of president he'd strive to be: Lyndon Johnson.

No, the conservative former Florida governor didn't hail Johnson's Great Society initiatives. Instead, he hailed Johnson's forceful, hands-on leadership that, among other things, produced a 25 percent across-

the-board income tax cut. "He went and he cajoled, he begged, he threatened, he loved, he hugged, he did what leaders do, which is they personally get engaged to make something happen," said Bush, who recently read Robert Caro's latest Johnson biography. Bush's homage to Johnson before several hundred people at the Pasco County campus was one of his only shots at President Barack Obama, who has earned a reputation for avoiding hands-on negotiating with congress-

sional leaders.

"I saw an unnamed person in the White House about a month ago say, 'You know, Lincoln would have had a hard time in the climate we're in today, with the Republicans being so intractable,'" Bush said.

for bipartisan cooperation to make several basic steps to generate more economic growth.

His prescription amounts to a three-legged stool: a focus on ramping up North American energy production; comprehen-

sive immigration reform that would make America more welcoming to nonna-

tive innovators and entrepreneurs; and education reforms to ensure America is equipped to sustain the growth generated by the first two legs.

"The greatest news that has happened since the commercialization of the Internet is that the United States has the potential in the very near term to become the largest producer of oil and gas in the world," Bush said, noting that advances in so-called "fracking" and horizontal drilling are already dramatically growing the natural gas industry.

With thoughtful safeguards and regulations, Bush said, the natural gas revolution stands to reindustrialize the country, create millions of high-wage jobs, cut greenhouse gas emissions, save consumers money and require a smaller military presence overseas and "not put the lives at risk of brave men and woman for other countries."

Bush has a book coming out next month about immigration reform, and he argued Wednesday that sensible immigration policies could be another major growth engine. As the population ages, the country needs policies to ensure a strong workforce, and those would include encouraging more people learning science and technology skills at American universities to stay in the country.

Both parties deserve blame for the status quo, he said, with Republicans talking tough about the rule of law "as a way to win primaries," and Democrats sitting back and letting the Republican immigration rhetoric lose them general elections.

The country needs to control the borders and enforce the rule of law, but also should provide a pathway to legal status to millions of undocumented immigrants already here if they pay a fine, learn English and abide by the law, he said.



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(AP Photo/Wilfredo Lee)

"Really? You're comparing what we have today to a civil war? Really?" Mostly, though, the ex-governor many Republicans hope will run for president talked about the potential

sive immigration reform that would make America more welcoming to nonna-tive innovators and entrepreneurs; and education reforms to ensure America is equipped to sustain the

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King Column:

Fat men everywhere, rejoice! Chris Christie has liberated us!

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WASHINGTON – Thanks to New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, fat men can come out of the walk-in closet, shed their double-breasted, cover-it-all-up suits, ask without shame for a seat-belt extender on aircraft, and expect restaurants to have chairs that will hold them.

We are liberated. Hallelujah!

No longer do fat men have to put up with condescension like "you carry your weight well" or "you've got a big frame" or, even worse, "it's your health we worry about." Christie, the Great One, has restored our self-esteem, given us new pride in our XXL sports clothes and given us the courage to go back to buffet table several times.

Until Christie brought energetic girth to public attention, we, the fat males of America, felt we had to slink into the Big and Tall men's shop after dark, suck in our tummies when we met new people, or buy elastic undergarments by mail order. We are liberated.

Even more, we are a political force.

Say goodbye to the gun lobby, the Israel lobby, the LGBT lobby. Say hello to the "Fat Men for Christie," a new lobby and political action committee that will revolutionize our political life, united behind the gordo governor.

Let's face it, now is the time for another oval man in the Oval office, in the great tradition of William Howard Taft.



In this Feb. 5, 2013 file photo, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie feigns a stern look while speaking in Union Beach, N.J., after he was playfully asked about his weight. With humor and candor, Christie has been addressing a political vulnerability: his weight. (AP Photo/Mel Evans)

Thin people are historically suspect. Cassius had a "mean and hungry look" before plunging the knife into Julius Caesar. He must have been suffering from the ills that attend the thin: hunger, vanity and not enough butt to sit comfortably. No wonder they are so envious of those of the avoirdupois persuasion – we tubby, cuddly fellows.

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Here are some real-life experiences from the diary of a fat man – me:

When I was going on a patrol in occupied Lebanon with the Israeli Defense Force, I told them I needed a large flak jacket. An officer handed me one which was 10 inches too

short.

"If there's shooting, you'll just have to hit the ground – fast," he said without apology.

I responded: "I thought that's what we had to do anyway."

He said: "You'll just have to do it faster, won't you?"

Clearly, in his eyes, a fat life did not have the same value as thin life.

I attended a formal dinner in Mexico in a dirty white shirt I had worn for days because the airline had lost

my luggage.

At that time, every man in Mexico was apparently small and thin and I could not buy a new shirt. At least in ancient Rome, I could have bought a toga.

I was invited to go gliding by an astronaut friend of mine who knew I was a keen private pilot. It was scheduled after soaring championships held at the hotel magnate Barron Hilton's Nevada ranch. I got into the glider OK, but the seat belt would not

fasten around me. I had to emerge humiliated in front of a crowd of enthusiasts, who tried to comfort me – with food.

So, I say, Fat Men for Christie is the key to the future; we are millions strong, and we should be heard at the ballot box. We will stand up against the slings and arrows that have been our fate; we will celebrate the glory of rotundity.

However, something stands between us and an expanding future: The ridicule of our spouses. □

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Eurozone recession deepens as Germany falters

DAVID RISING
PAN PYLAS
Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — It was only a matter of time. With many of its debt-ridden euro partners in recession, Germany could only swim against the tide for so long. Figures Thursday showed that output in Germany, Europe's largest economy, contracted by more than anticipated in the last three months of 2012. And it was the German drop that lay behind a deepening of the recession across the economy of the 17

European Union countries that use the euro. Eurostat, the EU's statistics office, said the eurozone's economic output shrank by 0.6 percent in the final quarter of 2012 from the previous three-month period. The decline was bigger than the 0.4 percent drop expected in markets and the steepest fall since 2009, when the global economy was in its deepest recession since World War II. There are hopes, though, that the fourth quarter of 2012 will mark the low point for the eurozone, and Ger-

many in particular. Many economists are predicting that the eurozone recession may end in the first half of the year.

the hard news on the economy remains distinctly weak," said Jonathan Loynes, chief European economist at Capital Eco-

policymakers is that output is declining not just in the weaker, debt-laden economies such as Greece and Spain, where governments



Containers are piled up at the Duisburg harbour, Germany, Thursday, Feb. 14, 2013. The German economy shrank by a larger-than-expected 0.6 percent in the final quarter in 2012, official figures showed Thursday, Feb. 14, 2013, in a clear sign that the European financial crisis took its toll on the continent's largest economy. The quarterly decline was primarily due to a drop in exports as demand weakened from other European nations, many of which are in recession, the Federal Statistical Office said.

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Nevertheless, Thursday's figures highlight the scale of the problems that have afflicted the single currency zone over the past year. Fears of a break-up, if not a collapse, of the currency dented confidence at a time when many governments were embarked on fairly severe debt-reduction programs. In 2012 as a whole, the eurozone economy shrank by 0.5 percent, a stark contrast from the 2.2 percent growth recorded in the U.S. and the 1.9 percent in Japan. "The fourth quarter's bigger-than-expected fall underlined the fact that, while sentiment towards the region has improved,

nomics. The eurozone has contracted for three straight quarters — a recession is officially defined as two quarters of negative growth. The eurozone is not alone in finding it increasingly tough as the year progressed but the fourth quarter figures confirm the region is struggling worse than others. If the quarterly rate is annualized, Capital Economics' Loynes said the eurozone would be contracting by around 2.5 percent, much worse than 0.1 percent drop in the U.S. and Japan's 0.4 percent fall. Eurostat does not provide annualized comparisons. The worry for European

have been aggressively increasing taxes and cutting spending in order to get a grip on their public finances and relieve the pressure inflicted on them by skeptical investors. The standout from the quarterly figures was Germany. Its economy shrank by a quarterly rate of 0.6 percent in the fourth quarter, more than the 0.4 percent expected, as demand for its exports from its European neighbors were dragged down by the underlying economic malaise. France, Europe's second-biggest economy, also saw output drop by 0.3 percent. Both economies are now one quarter away from recession. □

Report: North Korea upgrading rocket launch site

M. PENNINGTON

Associated Press

PYONGYANG/WASHINGTON (AP) —

North Korea is upgrading one of its two major missile launch sites, apparently to handle much bigger rockets, and some design features suggest it is getting help from Iran, a U.S. research institute said Thursday.

A successful satellite launch in December and a nuclear test on Tuesday, both in defiance of U.N. Security Council resolutions, have intensified concern that North Korea is moving toward its goal of building a bomb small enough to be fitted on an intercontinental missile.

An analysis written for 38 North, the website of the U.S.-Korea Institute at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, indicates that North Korea has made significant



North Korean army officers and soldiers attend a rally at Kim Il Sung Square on Thursday, Feb. 14, 2013, in Pyongyang, North Korea, in celebration of the country's recent nuclear test. The writing reads "We warmly congratulate the 3rd successful underground nuclear test."

(AP Photo/Jon Chol Jin)

progress since October in constructing a new launch pad and other facilities at Tonghae, on the country's northeast coast. The assessment is based on commercial satellite photos, the latest taken in January. It says design features, in-

cluding a flame trench covering that protects large rockets from the hot exhaust gases they emit on takeoff, is similar to one at

a launch complex in Semnan, Iran, and hasn't been used by the North before.

The analysis also identifies activity at an older launch pad at Tonghae, last used for a long-range rocket in 2009, but says it's unclear if that indicates preparations for another launch there.

The North's most recent long-range launches — a failed attempt to put a satellite into space atop an Unha-2 rocket in April, then a successful effort in December — were conducted at a newer site, Sohae, on the west coast.

38 North estimates that construction at Tonghae's new launch pad could be completed by 2016. It says tanks installed last fall in support buildings that would be used to store fuel

propellant prior to a launch would be big enough for rockets three or four times larger than the Unha.

Assessing the intentions of North Korea's secretive regime and the nation's technical capabilities is notoriously difficult. Analysts doubt the North has yet mastered how to miniaturize a nuclear device to mount on a long-range missile and attain its goal of being able to directly threaten the United States.

"This analysis is just another piece of the puzzle indicating North Korea's intention to field increasingly capable long-range missiles able to carry nuclear warheads," said Joel Wit, a former State Department official and editor of 38 North. □

Mexico: 6 men confess in raping of Spanish tourists

ACAPULCO, Mexico (AP) — Six men detained in the recent rape of six Spanish tourists in Acapulco have confessed to the crimes, authorities said on Wednesday.

Attorney General Jesus Murillo Karam said prosecutors have gathered evidence against another suspect in the attack, which has further tainted the reputation of the Pacific resort, already damaged by gruesome beheadings and mutilations by drug cartels. The seventh suspect remains at large.

The six men gave a complete recount of the Feb. 4 attacks, which took place in a beach house on the outskirts of Acapulco where 12 Spanish tourists and a Mexican woman were staying, Murillo Karam told reporters.

"We have those six suspects, who have confessed," he said. "I can tell you with all seriousness that this case has been solved."

The men range in ages from 16 to 30. Murillo Karam said there is "plenty of evidence" of their role in the attack. He also said there are eight more men in custody suspected in a separate rape attack last November.

When the detentions for the attack on the Spaniards were announced, family members of the suspects protested that they were innocent and simply scapegoats. About 40 people briefly blocked the road to Acapulco's airport to demand their release.

Mexican human rights groups have often questioned the confessions announced by authorities, arguing that they are sometimes extracted by force and have little value. But Guerrero Gov. Angel Aguirre said that authorities are carrying out the investigation in this case professionally.

"It was never intended to take to jail scapegoats or innocent people in a case as delicate as this one," Aguirre said. "We are working with a high degree of responsibility and with efficiency to erase this black chapter in the history of our port of Acapulco." □

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French company blamed, UK arrests over horsemeat



The entrance of French meat supplier Spanghero in Castelnau-Mauroux, southern France. French economy minister Benoît Hamon on Thursday, Feb. 14, 2013 pinned the bulk of the blame on a French wholesaler at the heart of the growing scandal in Europe. (AP Photo/Manuel Blondeau)

**JILL LAWLESS
LORI HINNANT**

PARIS (AP) — The price, smell and color should have been clear tipoffs something was wrong with the shipments of horsemeat

that were fraudulently labeled as beef, French authorities said Thursday. The government pinned the bulk of the blame on a French wholesaler at the heart of a growing scandal

in Europe.

Police in the U.K., meanwhile, announced the arrests Thursday of three men on suspicion of fraud at two meat plants inspected earlier this week by the country's Food Standards Agency.

The two separate developments were part of an escalating scare that has raised questions about food controls in the European Union — and highlighted how little consumers know about the complex trading operations that get food from producers to wholesalers to processors to stores and onto their dinner table.

Europol, the European Union police agency, is coordinating a broad con-

tinental-wide fraud investigation amid allegations of an international criminal conspiracy to substitute horse for more expensive beef.

In Paris, Benoît Hamon, the government's consumer affairs minister, said it appeared that in the most prominent case fraudulent meat sales had been going on for several months, and reached across 13 countries and 28 companies. He did not name the countries or companies.

He said there was plenty of blame to go around, but most of it rested with Spanghero, a wholesaler based in southern France. Officials at Spanghero denied knowingly buying and reselling horsemeat but

French authorities immediately suspended their trading activities.

Hamon said Spanghero was one company in a chain that started with two Romanian slaughterhouses that says they clearly labeled their meat as horse. The meat was then bought by a Cyprus-registered trader and sent to a warehouse in the Netherlands. Spanghero bought the meat from the trader, then resold it to the French frozen food processor Comigel. The resulting food was marketed under the Sweden-based Findus brand as lasagna and other products as containing ground beef. □

al-Qaida playbook discovered in Mali

**RUKMINI CALLIMACHI
Associated Press**

TIMBUKTU, Mali (AP) — In their hurry to flee last month, al-Qaida fighters left behind a crucial document: Tucked under a pile of papers and trash is a confidential letter, spelling out the terror network's strategy for conquering northern Mali and reflecting internal discord over how to rule the region.

The document is an unprecedented window into the terrorist operation, indicating that al-Qaida predicted the military intervention that would dislodge it in January and recognized its own vulnerability.

The letter also shows a sharp division within al-Qaida's Africa chapter over how quickly and how strictly to apply Islamic law, with its senior commander expressing dismay over the whipping of women and the destruction of Timbuktu's ancient monuments. It moreover leaves no doubt

that despite a temporary withdrawal into the desert, al-Qaida plans to operate in the region over the long haul, and is willing to make short-term concessions on ideology to gain the allies it acknowledges it needs.

The more than nine-page document, found by The Associated Press in a building occupied by the Islamic extremists for almost a year, is signed by Abu Musab Abdul Wadud, the nom de guerre of Abdelmalek Droukdel, the senior commander appointed by Osama bin Laden to run al-Qaida's branch in Africa. The clear-headed, point-by-point assessment resembles a memo from a CEO to his top managers and lays out for his jihadists in Mali what they have done wrong in months past, and what they need to do to correct their behavior in the future. Droukdel, the emir of al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb, perhaps surprisingly argues that his

fighters moved too fast and too brutally in applying the Islamic law known as Shariah to northern Mali. Comparing the relationship of al-Qaida to Mali as that of an adult to an infant, he urges them to be more gentle, like a parent: "The current baby is in its first days, crawling on its knees, and has not yet stood on its two legs," he writes. "If we really want it to stand on its own two feet in this world full of enemies waiting to pounce, we must ease its burden, take it by the hand, help it and support it until it stands." He scolds his fighters for being too forceful and warns that if they don't ease off, their entire project could be thrown into jeopardy: "Every mistake in this important stage of the life of the baby will be a heavy burden on his shoulders. The larger the mistake, the heavier the burden on his back, and we could end up suffocating him suddenly and causing his death."

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Argentine woman marries twin's convicted killer

A. CALATRAVA
Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — This was a Valentine's Day wedding that the bride's family wanted no part of: An Argentine woman married the man convicted of killing her twin sister.

Neighbors were against it as well. A mob gathered outside the civil registry office where Thursday's wedding took place, throwing stones and eggs. The bride, 23-year-old Edith Casas, says Victor Cingolani is innocent of killing her twin sister Johana more than two years ago, despite his conviction and 13-year prison sentence. The groom says he is innocent and will be absolved on appeal.

They both want to have children but that will have to wait. Cingolani, 28, was taken back to prison in handcuffs immediately after the nuptials. Edith Casas waited for hours until the crowd dispersed and it was safe to leave.

The bride's mother thinks she's crazy and sought to block the wedding, but a judge found her capable

of making her own decisions.

The body of Johana Casas was found in a field in the town of Pico Truncado in southern Santa Cruz province in 2010 with two gunshots in the chest. Police detained Cingolani, who was Johana's former boyfriend, and Marcos Diaz, a neighbor who was believed to have been her boyfriend at the time of her death. Police later released Diaz, citing a lack of evidence against him.

Cingolani told local station Todo Noticias that his relationship with Edith began after he broke up with Johana, and that he had nothing to do with her death. "All the evidence points to another person."

The mother of the twins, Marcelina del Carmen Orellana, said Thursday that she couldn't understand her daughter's decision. "I've always said that she is threatened by the Cingolani family; I'm afraid that something might happen to her because he is a killer and a manipulator," she told local media. □



Edith Casas leaves the courthouse after getting married to the man convicted of killing her twin sister in Pico Truncado, Argentina, Thursday, Feb. 14, 2013. Casas says her now husband Victor Cingolani is innocent of killing her twin sister Johana two years ago, despite his conviction.

(AP Photo/OPI Santa Cruz)

Chile issues a red alert over fire in Valparaiso

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — Chile's emergency office is issuing a red alert after a fire broke out in the coastal city of Valparaiso.

The ONEMI says the forest fire on the city's San Roque hill has consumed 60 homes and forced the evacuation of about 500 families.

Fifteen people are being treated for minor injuries, Guillermo de la Maza, the ONEMI's Valparaiso regional director, told local Radio ADN.

Police say they have arrested at least three people for looting.

State TV is showing images of a big plume of smoke billowing over the city.

More than a dozen firefighter units are battling Thursday's fire. □



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Journalists attacked, imprisoned worldwide rises

STAN LEHMAN

Associated Press

SAO PAULO (AP) — A record number of journalists were imprisoned worldwide in 2012 in a "deteriorating environment for press freedom," a leading media advocacy group said Thursday.

The New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists said in its annual "Attacks on the Press" report that 232 journalists were jailed last year in a "trend driven primarily by terrorism and other anti-state charges levied against critical reporters and editors." It said the number was the highest since it made its first survey in 1990.

The report said that 70 journalists were killed in the line of duty in 2012. That's 43 percent more than in 2011. "When journalists are silenced, whether through violence or laws, we all stand to lose because perpetrators are able to obscure misdeeds, silence dissent, and disempower citizens," CPJ Deputy Director Robert Mahoney said in a statement. "The battle to control information is an assault on public accountability that cannot go unchallenged. Governments must prosecute perpetrators and stop those seeking to incapacitate public oversight by blunting critical and probing reporting."

The report included the committee's first "Risk List" of 10 countries where the committee identified the most significant "downward trends" in 2012. Those trends include high murder rates and "entrenched impunity" in Pakistan, Somalia, and Brazil and "restrictive laws to silence dissent in Ecuador, Turkey and Russia, as well as the impris-



The body of Brazilian journalist Decio Sa, center, lies on the ground after being shot at a restaurant and bar in Sao Luis, Maranhao state, Brazil. The New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists, says in its annual "attacks on the Press" report that 70 journalists were killed in the line of duty in 2012, which is 43 percent more than in 2011. The report includes Brazil in its list of 10 countries where the press has suffered significant setbacks.

(AP Photo/Biaman Prado)

onment of large numbers of journalists on anti-state charges to thwart critical reporting in Ethiopia, Turkey, Vietnam, Iran, and Syria.

The report also noted that 28 journalists were killed in Syria, making it the world's deadliest place for reporters last year. It was followed by Somalia with 12 journalists killed, and Pakistan with seven, the report said.

The report also criticized Syrian government attempts to suppress independent coverage of the anti-government uprising. "In addition to disabling phone networks, electricity, and the Internet, authorities have been implicated in malware attacks against reporters and have used torture to extract the online passwords of journalists," according to the report.

It said that in 2012, four

journalists were murdered in Brazil, making the country the world's fourth deadliest for the press. Three were killed in 2011. All but one of the seven journalists killed in the past two years had denounced official corruption or crime, the report said.

It criticized the large number of lawsuits filed by Brazilian businessmen, politicians and public officials accusing critical journalists of offending their honor or invading their privacy. Marcelo Moreira, president of the Brazilian Association of Investigative Journalism said the CPJ report "accurately reflects the reality of Brazilian journalists."

"Those who denounce corruption, influence peddling or any other form of wrongdoing are often threatened and killed, especially in the poorer areas of northern and north-

eastern Brazil," he said by telephone.

He said government authorities and media representatives recently started to discuss ways to help ensure the safety of journalists. He did not go into details "because we have just begun."

In Russia, the press freedom climate that had improved under Dmitry Medvedev deteriorated after Vladimir Putin's return to the presidency in May 2012, the report said. It said Putin had approved measures to criminalized defamation and to restrict online content.

With 16 unsolved journalist murders in the past decade, Russia has the world's ninth-worst record for combating deadly anti-press crime, the CPJ said. In 2012, Turkey "emerged as the world's leading jailer of journalists," CPJ said. □

Around The Caribbean

Bonaire claims luggage from Missoni plane

WILLEMSTAD, Curacao (AP)

— Police say more luggage from a missing plane that was carrying the CEO of Italian fashion house Missoni has washed up on a Caribbean beach. Family friend Claudio Verna says authorities in Bonaire told him that the bags belonged to missing Vittorio Missoni and his wife. Verna says the bags were found Tuesday on the tiny island off Venezuela. On Thursday, Bonaire police spokesman Hans Baltus confirmed that the two bags were from the missing plane carrying Missoni. But he declined to provide information about the bags' nametags. □

Puerto Rico seizes \$5M in counterfeits

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)

— Federal authorities in Puerto Rico have seized about \$5 million worth of counterfeit merchandise in an operation dubbed Forged Dreams, Valentine's Blitz. Officials targeted 15 retailers in several cities along the island's north coast, including the capital of San Juan. They seized clothes, jewelry, cosmetics, handbags, sunglasses and sportswear in a four-day operation. Immigration and Customs Enforcement said in a statement Thursday that 39 trademarks were violated, including Armani, Calvin Klein, Guess, Rolex and Victoria's Secret. □

Capriles asks why Chavez silent for 2 months

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— Venezuela's top opposition leader is asking why President Hugo Chavez hasn't spoken publicly in more than two months while undergoing cancer treatment in Cuba.

Capriles says that if a president can sign documents to approve measures such as a new devaluation that took effect this week, he ought to be able to speak to the country.

Capriles said at a news conference on Thursday that if Chavez doesn't appear publicly, he suspects those in the government "are lying" about the president's ability to speak to them and

sign documents. The opposition leader made the remarks a day after Vice President Nicolas Maduro said that Chavez is now undergoing "extremely complex and tough" treatments in Cuba. □





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ORANJESTAD – Wednesday evening was the official launching of the global brand Vitorinox, which took place at the airport terminal. Vitorinox

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much because of the friendly people of Aruba, especially the friendly staff of the Manchebo. They also love Carnaval, the beaches, the beautiful weather, safety and the relaxing atmosphere, and they have lots of wonder-

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away from home" for over 20 years. The couple likes Aruba especially for the beautiful weather, great restaurants and golfing at the Divi Links. The ceremony was held at the Divi Village Golf Resort in the presence of Ms. Gloria Defoe of the Divi staff. □

At Marriott Aruba: Surprise Valentine for newly engaged Andrea and Nelson



PALM BEACH - On February 14, 2013 the Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino Sales department surprised newly engaged couple Andrea Maldo-

nado and Nelson Garcia with a special Valentine's Day pre wedding arrangement. The couple visited the island of Aruba and the Marriott Resort to plan their

destination wedding. With Valentine's Day in mind, Sales Coordinator Abigail van der Linden chose to setup a small taste panel in La Vista restaurant

as a surprise for the love-birds. The couple and family tried over ten delicious hors d'oeuvres to choose from for their future wedding and discussed the

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Olympic athlete Blade Runner charged with murder

In this Saturday, Sept. 8, 2012, file photo, Gold medalist South Africa's Oscar Pistorius poses with his medal during the ceremony after winning the men's 400 meters T44 category final during the athletics competition at the 2012 Paralympics, in London.

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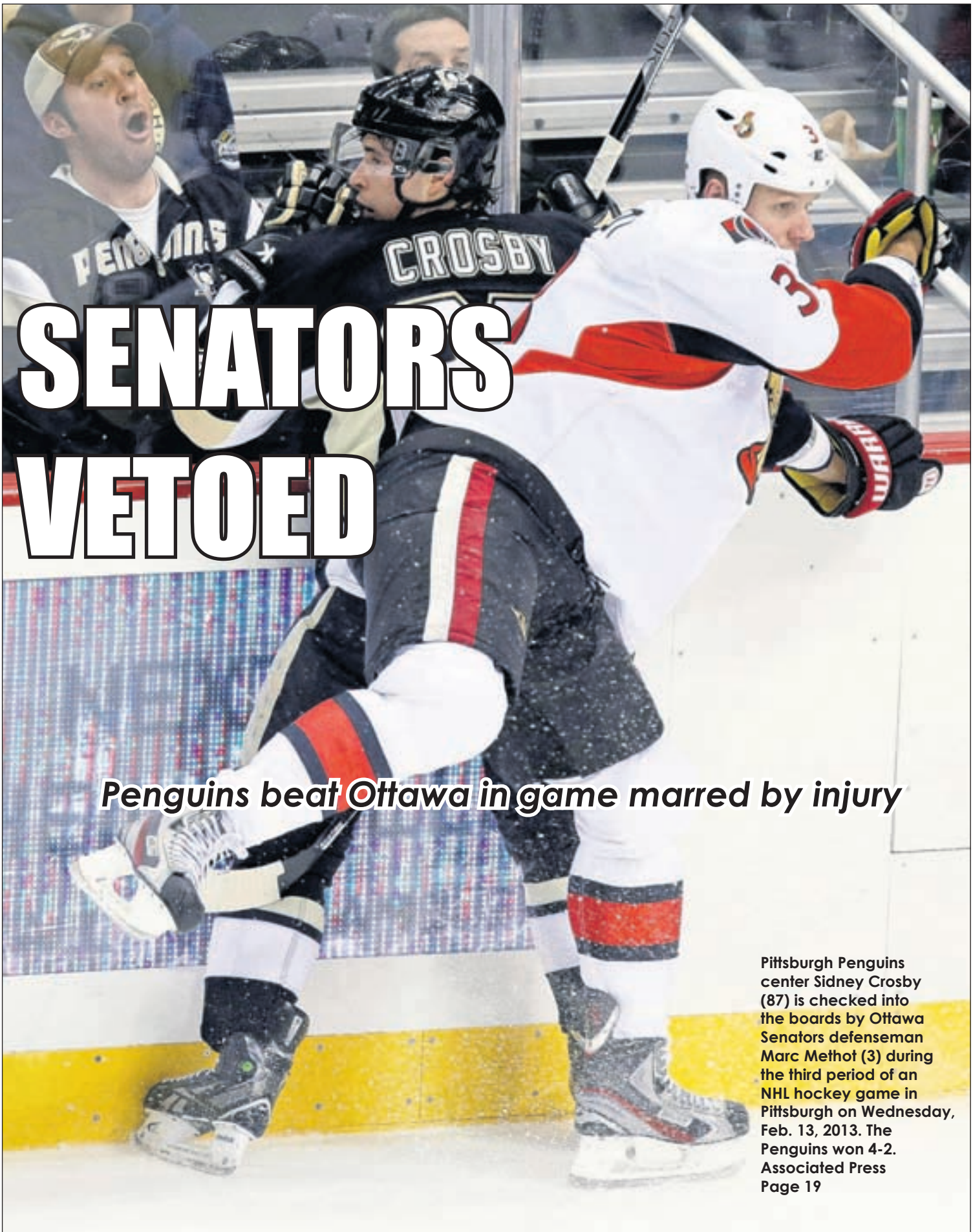


Los Angeles Clippers forward Caron Butler dunks during the first half of their NBA basketball game against the Houston Rockets, Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2013, in Los Angeles. Associated Press

L.A. Clippers beat Rockets 106-96 for 3rd straight win

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Caron Butler scored 17 of his 19 points in the opening quarter when the Clippers shot 77 percent and Los Angeles led all the way in beating the Houston Rockets 106-96 for their third NBA win in a row on Wednesday. Blake Griffin had 20 points and 11 rebounds, Chauncey Billups had 19 points, Jamal Crawford scored 13 points and Chris Paul had 10 points and 11 assists as the Clippers started all their regulars after the lineup had been hit by injuries during their recent Grammy road trip.

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Pittsburgh Penguins center Sidney Crosby (87) is checked into the boards by Ottawa Senators defenseman Marc Methot (3) during the third period of an NHL hockey game in Pittsburgh on Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2013. The Penguins won 4-2. Associated Press
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Williams on the verge of becoming oldest No. 1

MICHAEL CASEY

AP Sports Writer

DOHA, Qatar (AP) — Serena Williams is one win away from becoming the oldest top-ranked women's player after sweeping aside Urszula Radwanska 6-0, 6-3 Thursday to reach the quarterfinals of the Qatar Open.

If the 31-year-old Williams reaches the semifinals by beating seventh-seeded Petra Kvitova she will return to No. 1 for the first time in 2 ½ years. Chris Evert held the top ranking in 1985 while just shy of her 31st birthday.

"It's awesome," Williams said. "Since I didn't do the youngest, I figure I'll do the oldest."

If Williams doesn't make the last four, then Australian Open champion Victoria Azarenka can keep top spot by reaching the final. Third-ranked Maria Sharapova can pass both players if she wins the tournament and Williams and Azarenka lose their next matches.

Williams, a 15-time Grand Slam winner, was joined in the last eight by Azarenka, former No. 1s Caroline

Wozniacki and Sharapova plus 2011 U.S. Open champion Samantha Stosur and Agnieszka Radwanska.

Azarenka extended her unbeaten run in 2013 to 11 matches by thrashing Christine McHale of the United States 6-0, 6-0, Wozniacki downed Mona Barthel of Germany 7-6 (6), 6-3, and Sharapova got past Klara Zakopalova of the Czech Republic 6-3, 6-3. Stosur edged out Svetlana Kuznetsova 6-4, 7-5, and Radwanska beat an error-prone Ana Ivanovic 6-1, 7-6 (6).

On the back of her potent first serve, Williams broke Radwanska, the sister of Agnieszka, three times in the first set. The second set was tighter but the American clinched the match when her opponent hit a return wide.

"It was very windy but I felt good out there. It was very tough conditions," said Williams, who hurt her ankle and back at the Australian Open.

Azarenka broke three times in each set on the back of her powerful forehand and dominant net play.

"I felt like I came out very



Serena Williams of the U.S. reacts during her match against Poland's Urszula Radwanska on the fourth day of the WTA Qatar Ladies Open tennis tournament in Doha, Qatar, Thursday, Feb. 14, 2013.

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focused and really with a good mindset, with a good game plan, said Azarenka, who won 26 straight matches to begin 2012.

Sharapova is bidding to become the first player to win three times in Qatar — an honor that would be rewarded with a diamond-encrusted tennis ball.

"It's one of those days where you almost know that you might not be playing your best tennis. I certainly didn't today," said Sharapova, who had 27 unforced errors and nine double faults.

The fourth-ranked Radwanska made quick work of Ivanovic, the former No. 1 from Serbia, in the first set, breaking four times amid windy conditions. Ivanovic didn't help her own cause, committing 21 unforced errors and only landing 63 percent of first serves.

"She really start to play much better in the second set, and I think she didn't make any easy mistakes," said Radwanska, who improved to 15-1 this year after winning tournaments in Sydney and Auckland and reaching the Australian Open quarterfinals. □

Federer ousts De Bakker at ABN AMRO

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands

(AP) — Defending champion Roger Federer gave up just one break point as he swept aside Thiemo de Bakker 6-3, 6-4 Thursday to reach the quarterfinals of the ABN AMRO World Tennis Tournament.

The 17-time Grand Slam champion was never seriously troubled in front of the 123rd-ranked Dutchman's home crowd at Ahoy arena.

Federer set the tone early when he broke De Bakker to love in the fourth game. His only minor glitch was serving back-to-back double faults to squander two set points in the ninth game, but he hit back with two big serves to take the

set.

He followed it up by breaking De Bakker again in the next game, the Dutchman hitting an easy chance into the net to drop his serve.

"I'm happy. Things are obviously pretty quick indoors," Federer said after winning in just over an hour.

"Thiemo can serve well and he is very talented, so it is a good victory for me." Federer now faces Frenchman Julien Benneteau in the quarterfinals.

Juan Martin del Potro hit a dozen aces past Ernests Gulbis of Latvia in winning 7-6 (5), 6-3 to reach his first quarterfinal of the year.

The second-seeded Argentine set up a clash against Jarkko Nieminen,

who beat Matthias Bachinger of Germany 6-3, 5-7, 6-3.

Marcos Baghdatis beat fourth-seeded Richard Gasquet 6-4, 6-4 to also reach the last eight. The unseeded Cypriot saved three break points and broke Gasquet once to take the first set, and had few problems in the second set as he moved into a quarterfinal against Grigor Dimitrov of Bulgaria. □

Roger Federer of Switzerland returns a shot against Thiemo De Bakker of The Netherlands at the ABN AMRO world tennis tournament at Ahoy Arena in Rotterdam, Netherlands, Thursday Feb. 14, 2013.

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NHL Capsules

Neal scores twice, Penguins beat Senators

4-2 PITTSBURGH

(AP) — The Pittsburgh Penguins beat Ottawa 4-2 in an NHL game marred by the loss of Senators star defenseman Erik Karlsson to a left Achilles injury on Wednesday.

The Norris Trophy winner last season as the NHL's top defenseman, Karlsson was cut by Penguins forward Matt Cooke's skate blade as the two tangled along the boards late in the second period. The Senators said Karlsson will need surgery.

James Neal scored twice, Sidney Crosby had a goal and two assists, and Pascal Dupuis also scored for Pittsburgh.

Paul Martin had two assists, and Marc-Andre Fleury made 26 saves. The Penguins snapped a two-game losing streak to pull within a point of Eastern Conference-leading New Jersey.

Stephane Da Costa scored his first goal of the sea-



Pittsburgh Penguins right wing Pascal Dupuis (9) celebrates his first-period goal with center Sidney Crosby, who assisted on the goal in an NHL hockey game against the Ottawa Senators in Pittsburgh on Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2013.

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son, and Jim O'Brien also scored for Ottawa. The Senators lost for the fifth time in seven games.

BLUES 4, RED WINGS 3, OT DETROIT (AP) — Alexander

Steen stuffed in a rebound 52 seconds into overtime, lifting St. Louis past Detroit for a slump-stopping victory.

St. Louis snapped a five-

game losing streak that followed a 6-1 start.

The Red Wings had won a season-high three straight, a stretch that started with a 5-1 victory over St. Louis,

and had beaten the Blues four games in a row at home. Detroit blew a two-goal lead in the first period and chances to win in the third period on a pair of power plays.

St. Louis goalie Jake Allen, making his first NHL start in his second game in the league, made 15 saves. Jaroslav Halak missed his fifth straight game because of a groin strain.

Patrik Berglund, Vladimir Tarasenko and Chris Stewart also scored for the Blues. Tomas Tatar, Drew Miller and Pavel Datsyuk scored for Detroit.

FLAMES 7, STARS 4 CALGARY, Alberta (AP)

— Mike Cammalleri had three goals and an assist in his return from a hip injury to lead Calgary past Dallas.

After missing the last three games because of a hip flexor, Cammalleri scored his first three goals of the season to reach 200 for his career. □

No decision yet on NHL players in Olympics

IRA PODELL

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A decision on whether NHL players will head to the 2014 Sochi Olympics isn't likely this week.

Discussions were set for Thursday and Friday between the NHL, the NHL players' association, and officials from the International Ice Hockey Federation and the International Olympic Committee to see if it makes sense for North American professional hockey players to go to the Olympics for a fifth straight time.

"I don't expect any resolution or decisions this week," NHL Deputy Commissioner Bill Daly told The Associated Press in an email on Thursday. The Sochi Games are one year away. While a final decision isn't required this week, one will have to be reached in the near future. It is believed hockey

federations will need to know by May what players will be available for their teams.

The current discussions are being held between NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman, NHLPA executive director Donald Fehr, IIHF President Rene Fasel and officials from the IOC.

After enduring a long lock-out that produced a shortened regular season this year, the NHL is weighing whether it is worth shutting down the game for more than two weeks next season to allow its players to go to Russia for the Olympics.

The time difference will force the games to be played at off hours in North America, and the NHL would like to receive concessions from the IOC that haven't been made before.

In return for sending its players to the Sochi Olym-



Robyn Ainsworth, who lit the cauldron to kick off the 1988 Calgary Winter Olympics, holds the original torch during a ceremony honoring the 25th anniversary of those games before an NHL hockey game between the Calgary Flames and the Dallas Stars, Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2013, in Calgary, Alberta.

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pics, the NHL is trying to acquire video, photograph and Web site rights for the games. The IIHF and the IOC retain those exclusive rights now.

The NHL began sending its players to the 1998 Games

in Nagano, Japan, and continued through the 2010 Vancouver Games. Even though the NHL got great exposure by having its players take part in an Olympics in North America, disrupting the season does

come with a cost.

The stopping of the season, the potential injury risk to players, and no tangible upside for the NHL are all factors that create doubt whether the investment is good for the league.

One topic that isn't on the agenda during this week's meetings is NHL realignment.

The relocation of the Atlanta Thrashers to Winnipeg before last season has created travel troubles for the Jets and their Southeast Division rivals that need to be resolved.

The league's board of governors thought it had the problem settled when a realignment plan that would change the current system from six divisions to four conferences was formed in December 2011. But the players' association rejected the plan, leaving all clubs in place for this season. □

Refreshed Matt Kuchar takes lead at Riviera

By DOUG FERGUSON

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The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Coming off a three-week break, Matt Kuchar might not remember golf feeling this easy.

He opened with three straight birdies, all of the putts inside 3 feet. He finished with back-to-back birdies at Riviera, holing a 25-foot putt on the 18th hole for a 7-under 64 that gave him the first-round lead Thursday in the Northern Trust Open.

Brandt Jobe, returning from a serious neck injury last summer, put his experience to use on the course he played more times than he can remember while at UCLA. He ran off four straight birdies late in his round, only to close with a bogey on the 18th to finish at 66.

Conditions have rarely looked this good at Riviera, from the firm grass below the feet and the magnificent, sun-filled sky above them.

It felt like a working vacation, and it's the latter Kuchar knows so well.

After opening with three straight weeks on the PGA Tour, which featured a



Matt Kuchar drives on the 11th tee during the first round of the Northern Trust Open golf tournament at Riviera Country Club in the Pacific Palisades area of Los Angeles Thursday, Feb. 14, 2013.

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pair of top 10s, he spent a week in Palm Springs and then took his family to Hawaii for paddle boarding, snorkeling, just about everything where an ocean is involved.

Getting back to golf, he worked with swing coach Chris O'Connell and felt just as good as he did before his break.

"I think it was Monday we put in a good day of work and I said, 'I need to get out and play.' We went over to L.A. Country Club, played the North Course. I was excited about the things we were working on

and excited how I was hitting the ball. ... I think the hot start was certainly a great way to get the round going."

It was a great day for scoring, and Kuchar had plenty of company.

James Hahn, the 31-year-old rookie who shared the 54-hole lead last week at Pebble Beach, and David Lynn of England were at 67. The group at 68 included Lee Westwood and 53-year-old Fred Couples, a two-time winner of this event who feels rejuvenated when he plays at Riviera.

Couples played the final

Champions Tour event last year and the season opener this year, along with a two-day exhibition. He hasn't practiced much in between.

"So it's surprising, but again, I can figure my way out around this course," Couples said.

He made clean, powerful contact for so much of the day, even producing the longest drive of his group on the par-5 17th over Westwood and Bubba Watson. Couples was pin-high on the hole for a simple up-and-down, the start of three straight birdies.

Watson wasn't so fortunate.

For the first time in nearly three years - dating to a second-round 73 in the 2010 Honda Classic - the Masters champion failed to make a single birdie. He had a 76.

Phil Mickelson also is trying to regain some form just two weeks after his record performance to win the Phoenix Open. He had said it was imperative to be in the fairway to approach the small greens of Riviera, and three fairways was not the blueprint he had in mind. Mickelson didn't hit a fairway until his 11th hole.

Even so, he scratched out a 71 and felt he was only a round away from getting back into the mix.

"A mini-victory," he said of his round at even par.

The surprise might have been Jobe, who discovered nerve blockage in his neck that became so bad he couldn't close his hands around the club after playing the AT&T National last summer at Congressional. What followed was six months of rest and therapy, and after missing the cut at Torrey Pines, Jobe ran off six birdies at Riviera.

Jobe is on a major medical exemption, and he has to earn \$303,178 in 10 events to keep full status the rest of the year.

"I've still got a lot of work to do to get to where I want to be, but my situation, every round counts," he said. "So this is a good start to the week. Hey, I'd love to have a good week and get this thing wrapped up and be able to move on and have a normal life out here. But the reality is, you've really got to take it one day at a time. I've been out there and played enough that it's not the end of the world if you have a bad day." □

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Chandler Parsons scored 17 points, Jeremy Lin added 14 points and James Anderson had a season-high 14 for the Rockets, who have lost five straight to the Clippers and three of five overall.

James Harden missed the game with a sprained right ankle and sore left knee after stepping on David Lee's left shoe in the fourth quarter against Golden State. Harden is the Rockets' lone All-Star selection.

With the Clippers' powerful starters reunited and shooting their highest percentage in a quarter this season, it wasn't enough that the Rockets shot 50 percent in the first. They still trailed 46-28 as the Clippers scored their most points in a period since 1986.



San Antonio Spurs' Tim Duncan (21) and Cleveland Cavaliers' Tristan Thompson (13) watch a loose ball during the first quarter of an NBA basketball game Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2013, in Cleveland.

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Los Angeles cooled off in the second but still led 69-49 at the break.

SPURS 96, CAVALIERS 95

CLEVELAND (AP) — Kawhi Leonard made a 3-pointer with 2.9 seconds remaining to give San Antonio its 14th win in 15 games with

a victory over Cleveland. Leonard's basket came after Dion Waiters' jumper with 9.5 seconds to go put Cleveland up 95-93.

The Spurs, who have won 14 of 15, had stars Tim Duncan, Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili on the floor

together for the first time since Jan. 13.

Kyrie Irving, who was held to a season-low six points, missed a desperation runner from the top of the key as time expired.

Tony Parker led the Spurs with 24 points while Gary Neal scored 15.

Duncan, who had missed eight of the last nine games with a sore left knee, scored 13 points in 25 minutes. Ginobili had five points in nine minutes off the bench after missing nine of the last 13 games with a tight left hamstring.

RAPTORS 92, KNICKS 88

NEW YORK (AP) — Reserve Alan Anderson scored 26 points in one of the few good offensive performances for either team, and Toronto beat New York for its fourth straight victory. DeMar DeRozan added 20 points for the Raptors, who overcame a 4-for-21 per-

formance from Rudy Gay because Knicks star Carmelo Anthony was just as bad. Anthony finished with 12 points and 12 rebounds but shot 5 of 24 for the Knicks, who dropped their final two games leading into the All-Star break.

J.R. Smith led the Knicks with 26 points. Raymond Felton had 16 but shot 3 of 9.

Gay finished with 11 points one night after hitting the go-ahead basket with 4.9 seconds left in a victory over Denver.

MAVERICKS 123, KINGS 100 DALLAS (AP) — Vince Carter scored 26 points to pass Larry Bird on the NBA's career scoring list, and Dallas Mavericks headed into the All-Star break with a victory against Sacramento.

Carter scored 17 of Dallas' last 21 points in the third quarter to help turn aside a Sacramento rally. □

Pistorius lived out dream by running at Olympics

CHRIS LEHOURITES

AP Sports Writer

LONDON (AP) — The figure of Oscar Pistorius racing around the Olympic track with his carbon-fiber blades whipping through the air was one of the enduring images of the London Games.

That was only six months ago, when the double-amputee from South Africa emerged as an example of what a person can achieve in the face of adversity.

He didn't win a medal, but the "Blade Runner" reveled in his Olympic moment and was cheered throughout the world for his achievement. On Tuesday, still basking in the glow, Pistorius tweeted a photo from London of himself with eventual 400-meter gold medalist Kirani James, who asked for Pistorius' bib as a souvenir after running in the same semifinal heat.

"Still on(e) of my fondest memories of the Olympics.. Kirani and I exchanging (numbers)," wrote Pistorius, who was eliminated in that semifinal race.

Two days after that tweet, Pistorius was charged with the murder of his girlfriend after model Reeva Steenkamp was shot inside his home in South Africa.

The images from last August and Thursday could hardly be more contrasting — a sporting hero at the peak of career and a criminal suspect hiding in his hooded sweatshirt — leaving the world to wonder how Pistorius' life could have come to this.

Pistorius was born without fibula bones due to a congenital defect, and had his legs amputated at 11 months. But his condition never stopped him from playing sports with prosthetics, and he took to rugby in high school. It was after injuring his knee on the pitch that he first took to the track. And very quickly he became one of the best.

The carbon-fiber blades that he uses to run led to

years of controversy. By the time he had already won a gold medal at the 2004 Paralympics, Pistorius was banned from competing against able-bodied peers because many argued that his blades gave him an unfair advantage.

In 2008, however, the Court of Arbitration for Sport cleared him to compete against the fastest in the world.

It was the Olympics that he wanted, but he failed to run the qualifying time for the 2008 Beijing Games. Instead, he won the 100, 200 and 400 at the Paralympics in China as he was quickly becoming a star around the world.

In his life off the track, Pistorius called himself a "speed freak." He told The Associated Press on several occasions about his love of riding powerful motorcycles, but gave up that hobby in 2009 after he injured his head in a boat accident.

"There was a lot of refocus after that. I had this motorboat accident and I was in hospital for two weeks and spent the next four weeks at home," Pistorius told the AP. "I just realized that I need to make some changes and some of them need to be with my lifestyle. I was messing around a lot with motorbikes and just playing around and taking unnecessary risks."

He has also boasted to the AP about having cage fighters as friends, and was open about his ownership of guns.

He tweeted a photo of himself at a shooting range in November 2011, bragging about his score.

"Had a 96% headshot over 300m from 50shots! Bam!" he tweeted.

Two years after his boating accident, Pistorius finally got to compete on the big stage, running on South Africa's 4x400 relay team at the 2011 world championships. Although he was dropped from the final, he won a silver medal because he competed in the

heats.

By the time the London Olympics came around, Pistorius made the grade, and he could barely believe that he would become the first double amputee to compete on the track at the Olympics.

"I think I woke up the next morning with cramps in my cheeks.

I was smiling in my sleep," Pistorius told the AP last year in an interview at his training base in northeastern Italy.

He ran the first heat of the 400 on Aug. 4 in 45.44 seconds — his fastest time of the season — putting him into the semifinals. A day later, he finished last in the semifinal heat, crossing the line in 46.54 and failing to move on, but loved it just the same.

"It just felt really magical," Pistorius said that day. "If I could predict what it would feel like or imagine beyond my wildest dreams, this was probably 10 times that."

"To step out in front of a crowd this massive, it's a mind-blowing experience," he added. "I've had support in the last couple of days like I have never felt before."

Pistorius later ran in the 4x400 relay, barely. The South African team was at first eliminated in the first round after a collision with the Kenyans. Pistorius was left standing on the track in disappointment because the baton never got to him. But after an appeal, the Kenyans were disqualified and South Africa was given a reprieve, added to the final as a rare ninth team. Pistorius ran that time, anchoring his country's team, but the South Africans ended up eighth.

"This whole experience was amazing ... to step out here in an Olympic final is more than I could have ever hoped for," Pistorius said after that race.

"That opportunity to come here once again and finish today and not yesterday is a dream come true." □



Olympic athlete Oscar Pistorius leaves the Boschkop police station, east of Pretoria, South Africa, Thursday, Feb. 14, 2013 en route to appear in court charged with murder.

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Use of morning-after pill rising, report says

SABRINA TAVERNISE
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The use of morning-after pills by U.S. women has more than doubled in recent years, driven largely by rising rates of use among women in their early 20s, according to new federal data released Thursday.

The finding is likely to add to the public debate over rules issued by the Obama administration under the new health care law that require most employers to provide free coverage of birth control, including morning-after pills, to female employees. Some religious institutions and some employers have objected to the requirement and filed lawsuits to block its enforcement.

Morning-after pills, which help prevent pregnancy after sex, were used by 11 percent of sexually active women from 2006 to 2010, the period of the study. That was up from just 4 percent in 2002. Nearly 1 in 4 women age 20 to 24 who had had sex have used the pill at some point, the data show.

Morning-after pills are particularly controversial among some conservative groups who contend they can cause abortions by interfering with the implantation of a fertilized egg that the groups regard as a per-

son.

Medical experts say that portrayal is inaccurate, and that studies provide strong evidence that the most commonly used pills do not hinder implantation but work by delaying or preventing ovulation so that an egg is never fertilized in the first place, or thicken cervical mucus so sperm have trouble moving.

This month, the Obama administration offered a proposal that could expand the number of groups that do not need to provide or pay for birth control coverage. But the proposal did not end the political fight over the issue, which legal experts say may end up in the Supreme Court.

The new data was released by the National Center for Health Statistics and based on interviews with more than 12,000 women from 2006 to 2010. Researchers asked sexually active women if they had ever used emergency contraception, "also known as Plan B, Preven or morning-after pills," as well as about their use of other forms of birth control.

Overall, 99 percent of sexually active women ages 15 to 44 have used contraception at some point, or about 53 million women, up slightly from 2002. □

Synthetic marijuana now linked to kidney damage

MIKE STOBBE
AP Medical Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. health officials say synthetic marijuana has been linked to kidney damage in some teens and young adults.

Sixteen people who smoked synthetic marijuana were hospitalized with kidney problems last year in six states. All recovered, but five of them needed dialysis.

Synthetic marijuana is plant material sprayed with chemicals that can mimic the high from mari-

juana. It's been tied to such health problems as a rapid heartbeat and seizures. This is the first report of kidney problems.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said it's not known exactly what caused the kidney damage.

Federal and state laws ban some of the chemicals used for synthetic marijuana.

A CDC report Thursday details the 16 cases in Oregon, Wyoming, Kansas, Oklahoma, New York and Rhode Island. □

Personal Health: Picking the right help for addiction

JANE E. BRODY
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This is the second of two articles on addiction treatment.

"Treatment is not a prerequisite to surviving addiction."

This bold statement opens the treatment chapter in a helpful new book, "Now What? An Insider's Guide to Addiction and Recovery," by William Cope Moyers, a man who nonetheless needed "four intense treatment experiences over five years" before he broke free of alcohol and drugs.

As the son of Judith and Bill Moyers, successful parents who watched helplessly during a 15-year pursuit of oblivion through alcohol and drugs, William Moyers said his near-fatal battle with addiction demonstrates that this "illness of the mind, body and spirit" has no respect for status or opportunity.

"My parents raised me to become anything I wanted, but when it came to this chronic incurable illness, I couldn't get on top of it by myself," he said in an interview.

He finally emerged from his drug-induced nadir when he gave up "trying to do it my way" and instead listened to professional therapists and assumed responsibility for his behavior. For the past "18 years and four months, one day at a time," he said, he has lived drug-free.

"Treatment is not the end; it's the beginning," he said. "My problem was not drinking or drugs. My problem was learning how to live life without drinking or drugs."

Moyers acknowledges that treatment is not a magic bullet. Even after a monthlong stay at a highly reputable treatment center like Hazelden in Center City, Minn., where Moyers is a vice president of public affairs and community relations, the probability of remaining sober and clean a year later is only about 55 percent.

"Be wary of any program

that claims a 100 percent success rate," Moyers warned. "There is no such thing."

"Treatment does work, but only if the person wants it



There are many factors to consider before starting a treatment program.
(Ken Orvidas/The New York Times)

to," Moyers said.

For those who need a structured program, Moyers described what to consider to maximize the chances of overcoming addiction to alcohol or drugs.

Most important is to get a thorough assessment before deciding where to go for help. Do you or your loved one meet the criteria for substance dependence? Are there "co-occurring mental illnesses, traumatic or physical disabilities, socioeconomic influences, cultural issues, or family dynamics" that may be complicating the addiction and that can sabotage treatment success?

While most reputable treatment centers do a full assessment before admitting someone, it is important to know if the center or clinic provides the services of professionals who can address any underlying issues revealed by the assessment. For example, if needed, is a psychiatrist or other medical doctor available who could provide therapy and prescribe medication?

Finally, does the program offer aftercare and follow-up services? Addiction is now recognized to be a chronic illness that lurks indefinitely within an addict

in recovery. As with other chronic ailments, like diabetes or hypertension, lasting control requires hard work and diligence. One slip need not result in a return to abuse, and a good program will help addicts who have completed treatment cope effectively with future challenges to their recovery.

"Addiction is a family illness," Moyers wrote.

Families suffer when someone they love descends into the purgatory of addiction. But contrary to the belief that families should cut off contact with addicts and allow them to reach "rock-bottom" before they can begin recovery, Moyers said that the bottom is sometimes death.

"An intervention can be the key that interrupts the process and enables the addict to recognize the extent of their illness and the need to take responsibility for their behavior," Moyers said. But for an intervention to work, Moyers said, "the sick person should not be belittled or demeaned." He also cautioned families to "avoid threats." He noted that the mind of "the desperate, fearful addict" is subsumed by drugs and alcohol that strip it of logic, empathy and understanding. It "can't process your threat any better than it can a tearful, emotional plea."

WHERE TO FIND HELP

William Cope Moyers' book lists nearly two dozen sources of help for addicts and their families. Among them:

— Alcoholics Anonymous World Services: www.aa.org.

— Narcotics Anonymous World Services: www.na.org.

— Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration treatment finder: www.samhsa.gov/treatment/.

— Al-Anon Family Groups: www.al-anon.alateen.org.

— Nar-Anon Family Groups: www.nar-anon.org. □

Tamagotchi returns: Electronic pet reborn as app

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Tamagotchi is re-hatching as an app.

Bandai Co. and Sync Beatz Entertainment are hoping to revive the electronic pet craze of the 1990s with a new mobile app launching Thursday for Android devices. The app duplicates the egg-shaped plastic toy that became a must-own sensation like Beanie Babies, Tickle Me Elmo and Furby after it was first released in 1996 in Japan.

Sync Beatz, which has licensed Tamagotchi from Bandai, is calling the app "Tamagotchi L.i.f.e." — with "L.i.f.e." standing for "love is fun everywhere." Much like the original doodad, the app tasks users with taking care of a virtual pet by pressing buttons that simulate feeding, disciplining and playing with the critter on screen. If a Tamagotchi is neglected, it dies. "The idea was to base the gameplay on the original Tamagotchi that everyone knows and loves," said

Shin Ueno, chief marketing officer at Sync Beatz. "As we move along, every two months, we'll refresh the app, and it will evolve."

The colorful app, which Ueno said will later be available for Apple devices, features unlockable characters, backgrounds and shells. It's split between two modes: an old-school one that works like the original — right down to three buttons on the shell — and an app mode that utilizes the touchscreen and allows users to play rock, paper, scissors with their pets.

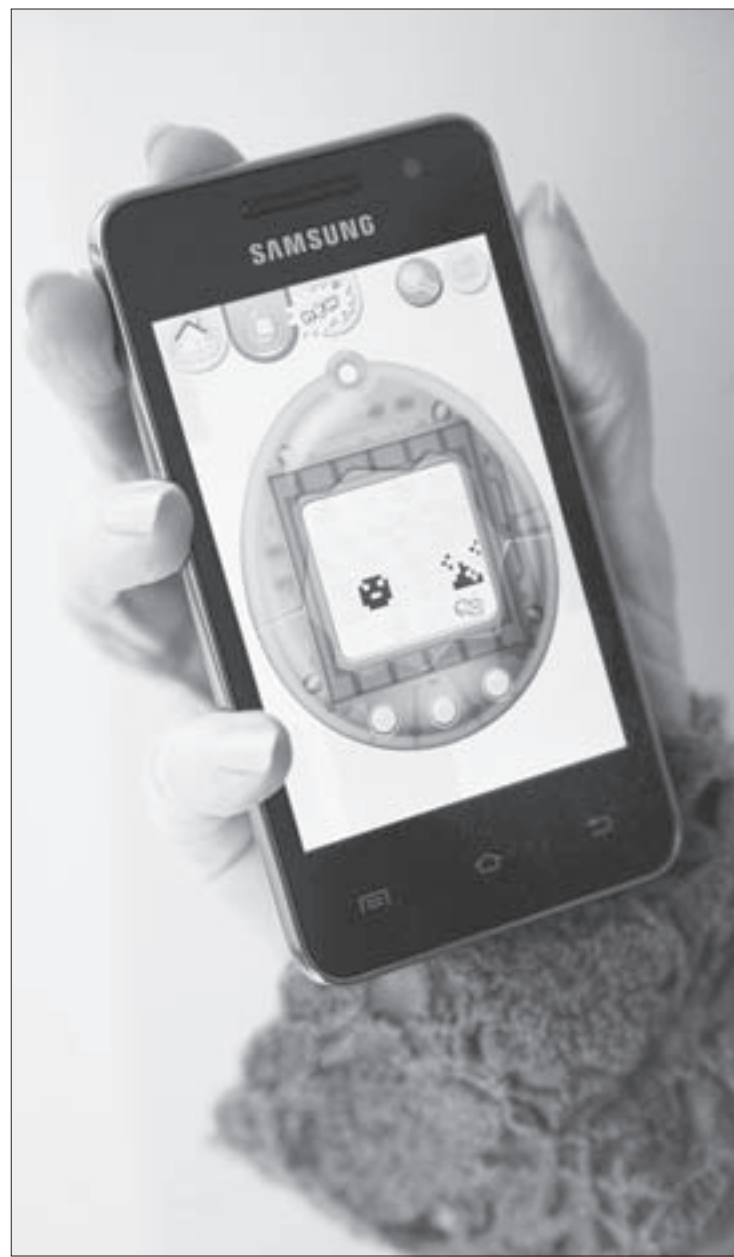
The "Tamagotchi L.i.f.e." app is free, and a version without ads costs 99 cents. While there have been a few Tamagotchi clones available for mobile devices, this marks the first official Tamagotchi app to come from Bandai, which has released updated versions of the toy since the first Tamagotchi hatched 16 years ago.

Sales of the toy have cracked the 78 million mark, and Tamagotchi paved the way for such

virtual obsessions as "The Sims," "FarmVille" and "Skylanders." The executives at Sync Beatz think Tamagotchi's "sweet 16" is the prime time to relaunch Tamagotchi for nostalgic twenty- and thirtysomethings, as well as a new generation.

"It's like comfort food," said Barry Stagg, chief communications officer at Sync Beatz. "I think Tamagotchi brings back good memories. When we were at the Licensing Expo last year, the first thing that people who came up to us and saw what we were doing tended to do was smile. I think there's an openness to build on Tamagotchi's brand equity."

That means Sync Beatz plans to leverage "Tamagotchi L.i.f.e." as more than simply a sentimental app. The company plans to launch a "Tamagotchi L.i.f.e." product line later this year with clothing, furnishings and accessories slathered with Tamagotchi imagery. □



The mobile app "Tamagotchi L.I.F.E." by developer/publisher Bandai Co./Sync Beatz Entertainment is shown displayed on a smartphone on Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2013, in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

Gartner: Global cellphone sales fell in 2012

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AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Research firm Gartner says worldwide cellphone sales fell last year, as economic turmoil dampened shopper appetites.

The decline was 1.7 percent, and it was the first time since 2009 that cellphone sales have fallen, Gartner says. Sales amounted to 1.75 billion units, meaning that one out of every four people on the planet bought a new

cellphone last year.

A competing research firm, IDC, last month said that sales grew at 1.2 percent last year.

The firms agree that smartphone sales grew quickly, while non-smartphone sales declined by a roughly equal number.

Samsung Electronics of Korea is the world's largest maker of phones, followed by Finland's Nokia Corp. and Apple Inc. of the US, according to both research firms. □

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Nestle makes \$11.55 billion profit in 2012

JOHN HEILPRIN
Associated Press
VEVEY, Switzerland (AP)
— Nestle SA, the world's

Swiss francs (\$11.55 billion) for 2012. With 330,000 employees worldwide and 461 factories in 83 coun-



Nestle CEO Paul Bulcke speaks during the 2012 full-year results press conference of Nestle in Vevey, Switzerland, Thursday, Feb. 14, 2013.

(AP Photo/Laurent Gillieron)

biggest food and drinks maker, predicted another challenging year ahead but overcame tough global economic conditions to post a full-year net profit Thursday of 10.6 billion

tries, Nestle is a major buyer of food commodities such as wheat, sugar, milk and coffee and its results are a good indicator of consumer demand in various regions of the world and

the health of the global economy as a whole.

The maker of Nescafe, Perrier, Jenny Craig, Haagen Dazs and Carnation reported broad-based growth across all product ranges and regions with sales reaching 92.2 billion francs (\$100.5 billion), up from 83.6 billion francs (\$91.11 billion) in 2011. The results compare with a full-year 2011 profit of 9.5 billion Swiss francs (\$10.35 billion). In its financial statements, the Swiss-based food giant predicted 2013 will prove to be every bit as challenging as last year.

This year began with an improved economic climate but a still-uncertain recovery, particularly in Europe where officials remain anxious whether reforms will prevent failed banks from adding to government debt through bailout.

This year "will have its difficulties, definitely, but there will also be many oppor-

tunities to deliver value," Chief Executive Officer Paul Bulcke told a news conference at the company's elegant headquarters on the shoreline of Lake Geneva. Even in Europe, he added, there was "good growth," even if it lagged well behind other regions. The weakest growth was in Europe — up just 1.8 percent compared with 5.2 percent in the Americas and higher everywhere else — and with products such as prepared dishes and cooking aids. Overall sales for 2012 showed that the strongest growth was in China and other parts of Asia along with Africa and the Oceania regions. "This year was not a walk in the park," said Chief Financial Officer Wan Ling Martello, who noted that Nestle had its slowest growth in Europe in the face of some shrinking local economies. "Even so, we delivered good top-line results." □

PepsiCo's 4Q results beat Wall Street's expectations

NEW YORK (AP) — PepsiCo's net income rose 17 percent in the fourth quarter as it raised prices and sold more of its snacks and drinks around the world. The company's earnings and revenue beat analysts' estimates. It also provided an annual earnings outlook in line with Wall Street expectations and raised its quarterly dividend by 5.6 percent.

Shares rose on the news. The results mark the end of what CEO Indra Nooyi said would be a "transitional year," with the company embarking on a cost-cutting program and stepping up investment in its flagship brands. PepsiCo's brands include Frito-Lay, Gatorade and Quaker.

"I believe that 2012 marked a turning point for PepsiCo," Nooyi told investors during a conference call after the results were released. "We truly stepped up our game and created the foundation for continued improvement and competitive advantage." The company, based in Purchase, New York, has been increasingly looking for growth from countries such as China and India where the appetite for packaged foods and drinks is rising more quickly than in the saturated U.S. market. But over the past year, PepsiCo has also made a point of investing more heavily in its namesake soda in North America, most recently with the sponsorship of the Super Bowl halftime show starring Beyonce.

As eating and drinking habits change, PepsiCo has said it's focusing on introducing new products that position it for the future. For example, it introduced a mid-calorie version of its namesake soda called Pepsi Next last year to win back soda drinkers who want to cut back on calories but don't like the taste of diet colas. □

Buffett's firm dips into \$23B Heinz ketchup deal

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NEW YORK (AP) — Billionaire Warren Buffett is dipping into the ketchup business as part of a \$23.3 billion deal to buy H.J. Heinz Co., uniting a legend of American investing with a mainstay of grocery store shelves.

It's the largest deal ever in the food industry and is intended to help Heinz accelerate its transformation into a global business. The company, based in Pittsburgh, also makes Classico pasta sauces, Ore-Ida potatoes and Smart Ones frozen meals.

Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway and its partner on the deal — 3G Capital, the investment firm that bought Burger King in 2010 — say Heinz will remain headquartered in Pittsburgh. Heinz CEO William Johnson said at a news conference that taking the company private would give Heinz the flexibility to make decisions more quickly, without

the burden of having to report quarterly earnings. Heinz was founded by Henry John Heinz and his neigh-

up and sauces accounting for just under half of that. Given the saturated North American market, it



Heinz ketchup is seen on the shelf of a market in Barre, Vt. H.J. Heinz Co. says it agreed to be acquired by an investment consortium including billionaire investor Warren Buffett in a deal valued at \$28 billion.

(AP Photo/Toby Talbot)

bor L. Clarence Noble in 1869. Their first product was grated horseradish, bottled in a clear glass to showcase its purity. The first ketchup was introduced in 1876; the company says it was the country's first commercial grade ketchup.

Last year, Heinz had sales of \$11.6 billion, with ketch-

up and sauces accounting for just under half of that. Given the saturated North American market, it has increasingly been looking overseas for growth. In 2010, for example, the company bought Foodstar, which makes Master brand soy sauce and fermented bean curd in China. Heinz expects emerging markets to account for a quarter of the company's sales this year.

At a press conference following the announcement, Johnson said the deal got under way eight weeks ago when managing partners from 3G Capital visited him for lunch. The men were familiar with each other because Heinz is a supplier for Burger King. "We did not solicit this," Johnson noted. "They came to me." Buffett said on CNBC this morning that 3G's billionaire co-founder Jorge Lemann approached him about the Heinz deal on a plane they were on in early December.

Johnson stressed that Heinz would remain in Pittsburgh, noting that the condition that was part of the deal. He said the only changes the city should see as a result would be that Heinz would no longer be listed in the stock pages of newspapers.

As for management changes, including his own tenure, Johnson said there hadn't yet been any discussions. □

Stock market wavers as Europe's economy slows

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NEW YORK (AP) — Renewed worries about Europe overshadowed an encouraging U.S. jobs report on Thursday, leaving major stock indexes roughly where they started.

Germany's economy shrank more than expected late last year, and the slowdown in Europe's largest economy deepened the region's ongoing recession. That's a troubling sign for the U.S., because sales to Europe have been a boon for American companies.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 9.52 points to close at 13,973.39.

After a strong start, the stock market has drifted sideways over the previous week with few major events to sway investors. That calm could disappear soon, said Doug Cote, chief market strategist at ING U.S. Investment Management.

With recessions in Europe and Japan, and weak growth in the U.S., he's bracing for some turbulence. "Everybody is too complacent," Cote said. Cisco Systems fell 1 percent. The world's largest maker of computer networking equipment reported earnings late Wednesday that surpassed Wall Street's expectations, but the company predicted sales growth that was weaker than previous estimates. Cisco's stock lost 15

cents to \$20.99.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index edged up 1.05 to 1,521.38. The Nasdaq composite index rose 1.78 to 3,198.66.

The S&P 500 index has climbed 1.6 percent this month and has already gained 6.7 percent for the year.

The number of people applying for unemployment benefits fell to 341,000 last week, the lowest level in three weeks, according to the Labor Department. Besides a few weeks last month affected by seasonal trends, that's the lowest level in nearly five years.

Among the many deals announced Thursday, American Airlines and U.S. Airways agreed to merge, creating the country's largest airline. Warren Buffett and 3G Capital, a private-equity firm, also plan to

buy the ketchup maker H.J. Heinz for \$23 billion. US Airways sank 67 cents to \$13.99, while H.J. Heinz soared \$12.02 to \$72.41.

Constellation Brands soared 37 percent, the biggest gain in the S&P 500,

in the U.S. to Constellation for \$2.9 billion. Constellation Brands gained \$11.87 to \$43.75. In the market for U.S. government bonds, the yield on the 10-year Treasury slipped to 1.99 percent, down from 2.02

and has climbed steadily higher since then. As worries about a recession ease, traders have shifted money out of the Treasury market, driving yields up. Among other companies making news:

— Whole Foods Market slumped 10 percent. The grocery store chain trimmed its forecasts for sales and earnings this year, a result of its plans to open more stores and put more lower-priced goods on its shelves. Whole Foods lost \$9.40 to \$87.50.

— General Motors fell 3 percent after the biggest U.S. carmaker said it made money in North America and Asia and nearly doubled last year's fourth-quarter profit. But its earnings fell short of analysts' estimates. GM's stock dropped 92 cents to \$27.75. □



CBS reports its fourth quarter earnings on Thursday, Feb. 14, 2013.
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after reaching a deal with Anheuser-Busch InBev. InBev agreed to sell a brewery in Mexico and rights for Corona and Modelo beer

percent the day before. The 10-year Treasury yield, used to set a variety of borrowing rates, began the year around 1.70 percent

General Motors posts \$898M 4Q net profit

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AP Auto Writer

DETROIT (AP) — General Motors made money in North America and Asia and lost a bundle in Europe as it nearly doubled last year's fourth-quarter profit. But the numbers were complicated by a dizzying array of accounting gains and losses for tax credits and devaluation of European assets.

The biggest U.S. automaker reported net income of \$898 million, or 54 cents

per share, compared with \$468 million, or 28 cents per share, a year earlier. Revenue grew 3 percent to \$39.3 billion.

The fourth-quarter profit included billions in one-time accounting gains and losses that ended up being a \$100 million increase. Without the gain, the company earned 48 cents per share, falling short of Wall Street's expectations. Analysts polled by FactSet expected earnings of 51 cents.

Its shares fell 42 cents, or

1.5 percent, to \$28.25 in midday trading on Thursday. They have traded in a 52-week range of \$18.72 to \$30.68.

During the quarter, GM continued its recent pattern of making money in the U.S. and Asia but posting big losses in Europe as the economy there continues to cut into auto sales. GM made \$1.4 billion pretax in North America, which was down \$102 million from last year. But losses widened in Europe as the compa-

ny has predicted, to \$699 million. GM's International Operations, which include China and the rest of Asia, earned \$473 million.

The company made \$99 million in South America and \$146 million on its financial unit.

For the full year, GM earned \$4.9 billion, or \$2.92 per share. That was down from \$7.6 billion, or \$4.58 per share, in 2011. The difference was largely due to losses in Europe and one-time items. □

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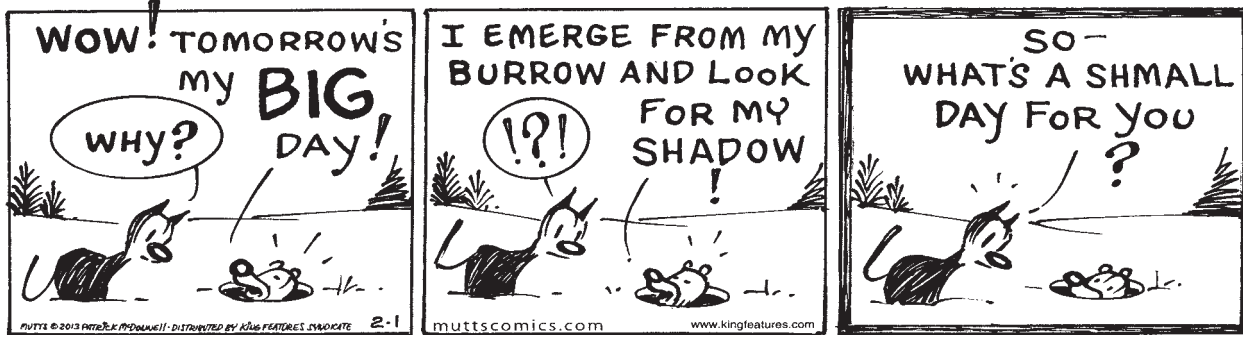
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Trump Plaza sold for \$20M

WAYNE PARRY

Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey (AP) — Trump Plaza, the Boardwalk centerpiece of Donald Trump's one-time Atlantic City empire, was sold Thursday to a California company for \$20 million in the cheapest of a series of bargain-basement deals for distressed gambling halls in the struggling New Jersey seaside resort.

The Meruelo Group of Downey, California, plans to close the deal by May 31. It is the lowest price ever paid for a casino in Atlantic City.

The company, which counts construction, engineering, real estate, food service and private equity among its businesses, also owns the Grand Sierra Resort and casino in Reno, Nevada.

Trump Plaza, which cost \$210 million to build, opened in May 1984 as one of Donald Trump's pet projects. The real estate mogul has since limited his dealings in Atlantic City. The sale leaves the company he once ran, Trump Entertainment Resorts, with just one casino, the Trump Taj Mahal Casino Resort. The company sold the former Trump Marina to a Texas company that rebranded it as the new Golden Nugget in 2011. □

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Guppies use ugly friends to seem more attractive

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Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — When it comes to mating, guppies treasure their ugly friends - because they look so good by comparison.

An article published Wednesday by Britain's Royal Society says that male guppies prefer to associate with their drab-colored counterparts when females are around.

"Males actively choose the social context that maximizes their relative attractiveness," the article said. Or, as lead author Clelia Gasparini put it, "If you are surrounded by ugly friends, you look better."

Gasparini and her colleagues at Italy's University of Padua built their theory



An undated photo of a male Guppy.

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on a kind of guppy dating game. An aquarium was set up with one female in partition on either end. Guppy bachelorette No. 1 had two attractive, brightly-colored males placed on either side of her. Guppy bachelorette No. 2 was

stuck with uglier, drab-colored fish.

When a male guppy was put in the middle of the tank, and given the choice of which female to sidle up to, Bachelorette No. 2 was the more popular pick, with male guppies spend-

ing about 62 percent of their time hanging around her side of the aquarium.

What's more, the researchers found that the time guppies spent with bachelorette No. 2 correlated with their unattractiveness. The uglier the guppy, the less likely it was that he would hang around the brightly colored fish placed next to bachelorette No. 1. Because it could be argued that that guppies avoided their brightly colored pals because attractive fish were more aggressive, or because predators were more likely to spot them, the experiment was repeated. Researchers ran it without any females, and again with the lights in the male enclosures turned

down so that the test guppies couldn't see them.

Gasparini, who's now a post-doctoral researcher at the University of Western Australia, said the extra experiments showed that aggression or predators weren't a factor.

But a big question remained: Could results from the aquarium be applied to a night out at the bar?

"As a researcher I cannot compare human mating systems with the guppy's one," she said. "But if you ask me as a person, sure ... I saw this tactic working pretty well with humans."

"If you want to impress someone, do you think you will look more attractive in comparison with Mr. Bean or George Clooney?" □

Brown-and-white whistling owl ID'd as new species

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Associated Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Researchers looking for a nocturnal bird in Indonesia accidentally identified a new species of owl — one that has a distinct whistling song and is believed to exist nowhere else in the world. The Rinjani Scops owl was first identified in 2003 and has since been spotted only on Lombok island, about 25 kilometers (15 miles) from the popular resort island of Bali. The findings were published Wednesday in the online journal PLOS ONE.

The small owl, with brown and white feathers and big golden eyes, had been confused with a similar-looking species for more than a century. But scientists from Sweden and the U.S., who were visiting the island doing separate re-

search on another nocturnal bird, both recorded the Rinjani Scops owl's vocalizations. They noticed that its whistled note was entirely different from other songs, including that of the widespread Moluccan Scops owl, or Otus magicus. "I am surprised that the true identity of this bird has remained hidden from the scientific world for so long," George Sangster, lead author from the Swedish Museum of Natural History, said in an email. "The Rinjani Scops owl is quite common and can be found on various parts of the island. It is also very vocal, so it is hard to miss." He said the discovery was not published for 10 years due to the work needed to verify the finding. The researchers reviewed all previous work and museum specimens dating to 1896.

They found a report mentioning the Rinjani Scops owl's tone, which differs from the barking cry of the Moluccan Scops owl. However, plumage, size and shape were primarily used to identify species until the late 1970s when vocalizations were added. Lombok also remained less visited by bird researchers than other parts of Indonesia, which may explain why it took longer for the Rinjani Scops owl to be identified.

"Now that there is a beautiful owl known only from this island, we hope that more bird watchers will visit Lombok," Sangster said. "Ornithologists have long patted themselves on the back, believing that the taxonomy of birds is 'almost complete.' With each new discovery, this becomes less credible. It underscores that even after 150 years of scientific study we still do not know all the birds in the Indo-Malayan region."

More fieldwork was conducted to determine that the Rinjani Scops owl — named *Otus jolandae* after Sangster's wife who first

discovered the species with him — was not found elsewhere. However, Sangster said more investigation is need to completely rule out the bird's existence in extreme western Sumbawa, a neighboring island. The owl has long been known by Indonesian bird experts, but they too believed it was part of the more widespread species. "We are proud of this new discovery as it has added another endemic species in Indonesia," said Yoppy Hidayanto, coordinator of Burung Indonesia, a bird conservation group in Bogor, West Java. □



This undated photo taken by independent researcher Philippe Verbelen and released by online scientific journal PLOS ONE, shows a Rinjani Scops owl perching on a tree on Lombok island, Indonesia.

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Chefs pick scenes for best screen cuisine

MICHELLE LOCKE

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

What happens when you ask a group of food world luminaries to come up with their picks for Best Food Scene in a movie?

You get some unexpected responses. Who knew "Pulp Fiction" was such a foodie flick? You pick up a few tips, like the "Goodfellas" guide to truly razor-thin garlic.

And there will be bacon.

Here are some of the nominations for Oscar-worthy examples of screen cuisine, along with a trio of cocktail recipes to help you toast this year's winners on Feb. 24 in those other categories, like Best Picture.

Fabio Viviani, "Top Chef" Season 5 "Fan Favorite" and host of Yahoo's Chow Ciao, took a practical approach for his choice, opting for the "Goodfellas" scene that shows Paulie slicing garlic with a razor. "What a way to get the perfect thin garlic! You can almost smell the garlic and tomatoes and meat cooking in the scene."

His takeaway? "Doesn't matter if you're a criminal or just a normal guy, there is nothing better than breaking bread with friends and family and sharing food. Add some vino and BOOM!, that is what's most important in life."

No one suggested scenes from classic "food movies" like "Big Night" or "Tampopo," perhaps not surprising considering that those kind of films don't exactly qualify as escapism to a cook.

As Colman Andrews, editorial director of TheDailyMeal.com put it, "maybe it's just that I devote so much of my time to food — writing about it, editing a food website, cooking and eating it — that when I relax away from the table, food is the last thing I want to think about."

Memorable food scenes are the ones that "sneak up on me, in non-food movies," he says, like the old-fashioned bread-baking process shots from "The Baker's Wife," a French classic from the 1930s, and Ray Winstone intoning "I'm



In this image taken on Jan. 28, 2013, from left clockwise, a glass of citrus bubbly with a small curl of lemon on top, a glass of spiced rose-pomegranate spritzer with a star anise on top, two glasses of sparkling wine, and a glass of wild meadow with berries, are shown with canapes and blini in Concord, N.H.

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'What to Expect' daughter Emma Bing gives birth

LEANNE ITALIE

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Emma Bing, the inspiration for the pregnancy bible "What to Expect When You're Expecting," has given birth in Los Angeles to a boy.

Lennox Page Ali, whose father is musician Russell Ali, was born Tuesday at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, family spokeswoman Heidi Schaeffer said.

"Mother and child are doing very well and grandparents Heidi and Erik Murkoff are ecstatic," gushed Schaeffer.

Heidi Murkoff was pregnant with Emma when she wrote the proposal for her book, which sparked a



This Feb. 13, 2012 image released courtesy of Heidi Murkoff shows Emma Bing, left, holding her son Lennox Page Ali as her mother, author Heidi Murkoff, looks on at a hospital in Los Angeles.

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franchise of pregnancy and parenting manuals. "What to Expect" has more than 17 million copies in print. Bing has been blogging her pregnancy experiences, along with fashion and beauty advice, for her fellow millennial moms on Whattoexpect.com. □

gonna 'ave the calamari," in "Sexy Beast."

But the food film moment he thinks about most "probably perversely, is the scene in 'Hook' wherein the grown-up Peter Pan figure (Robin Williams) joins the Lost Boys in a banquet of nonexistent 'Neverfood.' It just seems to say so much about appetite and the joy that the mere thought of food can summon up."

Sometimes movies poke fun at the trappings of fine dining and Stephen Barber, executive chef of Farmstead at Long Meadow Ranch in the Napa Valley is OK with that. He likes the scene from "The Jerk," in which a gauche Steve Martin, after first ordering some "fresh" wine, "no more of

this old stuff," is horrified to find that his date's plate is covered with snails.

Barber doesn't have escargot on his menu, though he does make sure staff looks out for customers who may be baffled by what to do with a particular dish.

Michael Mina, a Michelin-starred chef and big movie fan, went for something a little different with his favorite food scene — the dialogue between Jules and Vincent as they have breakfast at a diner in "Pulp Fiction."

"The whole scene is so perfect," he says. Vincent offers Jules a piece of bacon and prompts a diatribe against pork that segues into why Jules is planning on retiring as an assassin.

"It's pure brilliance and classic Tarantino."

For his part, Mina has no such qualms. Bacon "is that one ingredient that you have to have," he says. Just not too much. Mina jokes that he does a "bacon check" of restaurant menus in his Mina Group to make sure that the dishes aren't going overboard with the tasty breakfast meat.

Mina's a big breakfast fan in general. In fact, when he was asked to cook for a fancy post-Oscars party in Los Angeles a few years back he agreed on one condition: "I'm only coming if I'm cooking omelettes." Omelettes and Oscars? As they (almost) say in show business, break an egg. □

Nicks, Fogerty, more perform with Grohl

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AP Music Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Dave Grohl and the Foo Fighters played house band for Steve Nicks, John Fogerty and Rick Springfield at a sold-out concert in New York City.

Nicks, Fogerty and Spring-

field performed at the Sound City Studios in California in the late 1960s through the early 1990s.

They are the subjects of Grohl's just-released directorial debut, the documentary "Sound City."

Grohl kicked things off Wednesday night with

Alain Johannes. The crowd at the Hammerstein Ballroom then roared as Lee Ving of Fear, Rick Nielsen of Cheap Trick and Brad Wilk of Rage Against the Machine took the stage.

Grohl played guitar and drums, and he sang background during the 25-minute sets. □

River Phoenix's last movie shown in Berlin

BERLIN (AP) — The late River Phoenix's last movie, "Dark Blood," received a rare screening at the Berlin film festival Thursday — but its director said the picture may never go out for general release.

The movie was mothballed in 1993 when Phoenix died of a drug overdose shortly before filming was finished. Dutch director George Sluizer later recovered the reels and completed "Dark Blood" last year using voice-over narrative for some of the missing scenes. First shown at a film festival in the Netherlands last year, it is running out of competition at the 63rd Berlinale.

Sluizer said negotiations for a general release are ongoing with the company that owns the movie.

"They are very tough," he told reporters in Berlin. "They are billionaires, money market people apparently, who by mistake



From right, Berlin film festival director Dieter Kosslick, composer Florencia di Concilio, cinematographer Edward Lachman, actor Johnathan Pryce and director George Sluizer arrive for the screening of the film *Dark Blood* at the 63rd edition of the Berlinale, International Film Festival in Berlin, Thursday, Feb. 14, 2013.

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have in their stock of hospitals and hotels a film. They don't care about movies

and they don't care about culture, they care about money."

Welsh actor Jonathan Pryce said he had fond memories of working with

Phoenix, who stars as a young widower living in the Arizona desert who takes a couple prisoner.

"At no time did I experience him using or abusing drugs in any way, shape or form," he said, adding that Phoenix appeared committed and serious about his work. "An old head on young shoulders," said Pryce of Phoenix.

Phoenix, the brother of Rain, Joaquin and Summer Phoenix, was 23 when he died in Los Angeles of heart failure after overdosing on heroin and cocaine. American cinematographer Edward Lachman said some footage of Phoenix recorded on the set of "Dark Blood" that showed him walking toward the camera "like a ghost" inexplicably went missing.

"There were many things around this film that were very extraordinary," he said. □

'Sesame Street' nears 1 billion views on YouTube



This image from video released by Sesame Workshop shows the character Telly from the children's show "Sesame Street."

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JAKE COYLE

AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Nearing 1 billion views on YouTube, "Sesame Street" is headed for Justin Bieber territory. The children's program is closing in on the kind of digital milestone usually reserved for the likes of pop stars and cat videos. "Ses-

ame Street" will soon pass 1 billion views on YouTube, and it's celebrating the mark with a campaign to get it there.

"Sesame Street" on Thursday will post a video featuring the character Telly Monster, urging viewers to click the show past the final 20 million views and unlock

a "top secret video." Naturally, for the nonprofit children's series, it's a teaching moment, too. Don't be surprised if Count von Count shows up to ponder such a big number.

For "Sesame Street," the milestone — a first on YouTube for a nonprofit or U.S. children's media out-

let — reflects the increasingly multimedia nature of kid entertainment. Big Bird and Oscar the Grouch are now about as likely to be watched on an iPad, phone or laptop as they are on PBS.

"We have this theory that if we get content on multiple platforms and devices, it gives kids and families a chance to reinforce and experience the curriculum multiple times," says Terry Fitzpatrick, executive vice president of content and distribution for Sesame Workshop, who emphasizes videos are best co-viewed with child and parent. "It blows me away to think about how popular and strong a platform (YouTube) has become for us."

"Sesame Street," a mainstay on PBS since 1970, launched its YouTube channel in 2006, but has continually expanded its mindfulness of online and mobile viewers.

Sesame Workshop last year

integrated its digital media group into its TV production, so that digital and interactive elements are considered from the start of an idea.

Its most popular video is "Elmo's Song," which has been watched nearly 86 million times since being uploaded in 2009. More recently, another PBS hit, "Downton Abbey," was parodied in "Upside Downton Abbey,"

a video where British muppets have trouble drinking tea and eating crumpets because, well, they're upside down.

Caitlin Hendrickson, strategic partner manager for YouTube's educational realm, YouTube EDU, says that education is one of the fastest growing content categories on the Google Inc.-owned site. "Sesame Street" reaching 1 billion views, she said in a statement, "is proof of their outstanding leadership in this space and their creative use of YouTube." □

Carpe Diem Nation



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Europeans who settled America gave their lives a slingshot shape. They pulled back so they could shoot forward. They volunteered to live in harsh conditions today so their descendants could live well for centuries. The pioneers who traveled West did the same thing. So has each generation of immigrants – sacrificing the present for the sake of the future.

This slingshot manner of life led to one of those true national clichés: that America is the nation of futurity, that Americans organize their lives around romantic visions of what is to be.

In 1775, Sam Adams confidently predicted that the scraggly little colonies would one day be the world's most powerful nation. In 1800, Noah Webster projected that the U.S. would someday have 300 million citizens, and that a country that big should have its own dictionary.

In his novel, "Giants in the Earth," Ole Rolvaag has a pioneering farmer give a visitor a tour of his land. The farmer describes his beautiful home and his large buildings. The visitor confesses that he can't see them. That's because they haven't been built yet, the farmer acknowledges, but they already exist as reality in his mind.

This future-oriented mentality had practical effects. For decades, government invested heavily in long-range projects like railroads and canals.

Today, Americans have inverted this way of thinking. Instead of sacrificing the present for the sake of the future, Americans now sacrifice the future for the sake of the present.

Federal spending is the most obvious example. The federal government is a machine that takes money from future earners and spends it on health care for retirees. Entitlement spending hurts the young in two ways. It squeezes government investment programs that boost future growth. Second, the young will have to pay the money back. To cover current obligations, according to the International Monetary Fund, young people will have to pay 35 percent more taxes and receive 35 percent fewer benefits.

But government is not the only place you can see signs of this presentism. Business has slipped into this pattern, too. CEO's serve short stints and their main incentive is to make quarterly numbers, not to build for the long term.

Banks can lend money in two

ways. They can lend to fund investments or they can lend to fund real estate purchases and other consumption. In 1982, banks were lending out 80 cents for investments for every \$1 they were lending for consumption. By 2011, they lent only 30 cents to fund investments for every \$1 of consumption.

As Robert D. Atkinson and Stephen J. Ezell note in their book "Innovation Economics," U.S. firms are also lagging in their commitment to research and development. Between 1999 and 2006, for example, German firms increased research-and-development spending by 11 percent, Finnish firms by 28 percent and South Korean firms by 58 percent. During that same period, U.S. spending increased by a paltry 3 percent.

Increasingly, companies have to spend their money on retirees, not future growth. Last week, for example, Ford announced that it was spending \$5 billion to shore up its pension program. That's an amount nearly equal to Ford's investments in factories, equipment and innovation.

Why have Americans lost their devotion to the future? Part of the answer must be cultural. The Great Depression and World War II forced Americans to live with 16 straight years of scarcity. In the years after the war, people decided they'd had enough. There was what one historian called a "renunciation of renunciation." We've now had a few generations raised with this consumption mindset. There's less of a sense that life is a partnership among the dead, the living and the unborn, with obligations to those to come.

The political debate, though, is largely oblivious to this mental shift. Republicans and Democrats are so busy arguing about the merits of government versus business that they are blind to the problem that afflicts them both.

In his State of the Union address Tuesday night, President Barack Obama is apparently planning to give us yet another salvo in that left-right war, as he did in his second Inaugural Address. One of his aides, in a fit of hubris, told Politico that the president will be offering Republicans a golden bridge to ease their retreat.

But it would be great if Obama gave an imaginative speech that reframed things as present versus future.

If the president were to propose an agenda for the future, he'd double spending on the National Institutes of Health. He'd approve the Keystone XL pipeline. He'd cut corporate tax rates while adding a progressive consumption tax. He'd take money from Social Security and build Harlem Children's Zone-type projects across the nation. He'd means test Medicare and use the money to revive state universities and pay down debt.

Would Americans buy that agenda? Maybe. Americans are neglecting the future, but I bet they're still in love with it. □



A Spritz Of Power



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It's kind of amazing, given our politicians' obsession with self-promotion, that we haven't yet seen a line of congressional colognes.

Think about it. Actors, athletes, models and singers have signature scents. Snooki has two. So why not one for the chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee?

Or for ... Marco Rubio? He could deliver the Republican response to President Barack Obama's State of the Union address not just as an immigration reformer with an eye on 2016 but as the pitchman for Amnesty by Marco Rubio, the eau de toilette for the man or woman who craves a clean break, a new beginning. I imagine a top note of citrus, nodding to Rubio's native Florida, and a middle note of tea, nodding to his party-within-a-party.

Harry Reid, the Senate Democratic majority leader, could be the face and spirit of Nevada Naughty, named for his home state and his habit of playing rough. I detect a whiff of desert wildflowers. Vanilla, too. Also some nutmeg, clove and coriander. No, wait, that's my lentil soup recipe.

From John Boehner I'm getting tobacco. And leather. And I don't mean his cigarette

dependence or dependably tanned skin. I mean his sporty new scent, Acqua di Speaker. It comes not just in a spray and a splash but also in a shower gel, for those times when you want to wash away the stink of lobbyists and emerge feeling refreshed and smelling like Camel Ultra Lights.

And John McCain could channel his spooky fury into a fragrance for the grudge holder who has never suffered a slight that he didn't avenge. Its name would be Payback, and it would smell of sour grapes and scorched earth.

It's past time for lawmakers, and not just in the nation's capital, to get in on the aromatic action. The distinction between a headliner in politics and a headliner in movies, music, fashion or sports has pretty much evaporated. It's all show business now, all relentless marketing and meticulous brand management, and Chris Christie is just Beyonce with shorter hair, bigger lungs and a less rigorous workout routine. She calls one of her colognes Midnight Heat. He could call his Autumn Hurricane, to capture the pummeling force of his personality and the event that made him, politically speaking, destiny's child. With signature scents, our designated leaders might be much more appealing. The television cameras could pan the senators, representatives, Cabinet members and Supreme Court justices in the Capitol on Tuesday night and we'd see not just a snake pit of bitter enemies taking a rare timeout. We'd behold a human potpourri of nose-tickling possibility.

Why, there's Eric Cantor, who recently joined the Republicans' reinvention mission with talk and tweets about transcending partisanship and helping the little guy. He's worried about immigrant kids. He's oozing empathy for working moms. And he's wearing Eric Cantor's Eau de Changement, a chameleon of a cologne

that makes you smell harsh at certain times, approachable at others. Eau de Changement keeps voters guessing. Paul Ryan wears it, too.

Sonia Sotomayor may turn up in the Capitol for Obama's remarks. She's taking a breather from the tour for "My Beloved World," her memoir, which is just the first chapter in a new saga of Supreme merchandising. Next comes her scent, Black Robe, with currents of jasmine and bergamot, in a bottle shaped like Lady Justice.

Of course Hillary Clinton's stratospheric approval ratings demand a cologne all her own. It should be a symphony of spices and flowers from the different continents she visited as secretary of state, a bouquet of international ambition, with a moniker to match.

All our diplomats will wear Beyond Borders, or they'll wear nothing at all.

It'll be unisex, while Bill Clinton's signature scent will be a musky number for men only. It'll use cedar, incense and wormwood to rewrite history, and be called Unimpeachable.

The way I figure it, politicians aren't making much progress in fixing the budget or saving the post office. But they just might be able to make America smell a little better. A more perfect union eludes us. Perhaps we should set our sights on a more perfumed one.

C-SPAN could evolve into something like QVC, where you'd see the former governor of Tennessee, now its senior senator, pop up to present a special deal on Lamar Noir, with half off the after-shave balm if you also get the soap on a rope.

And instead of showily haranguing Cabinet nominees, Ted Cruz, the Texas Tea Partier, could lend his aggrieved voice and censorious visage to a showy cologne, Cruz Control. It's tailor-made for preening, with a top note of sandalwood, a middle note of tonka bean and a base of self-righteousness. □

Wilpon insists a rebound by the Mets is near

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PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. — Fred

Wilpon, the principal owner of the Mets, appeared at the team's spring training complex Wednesday morning and did his best to paint a rosy portrait of a team that has not finished above .500 since 2008, has not been in the postseason since 2006 and continues to deal with questions about its ability to spend money to improve its unimposing roster.

Although Wilpon has generally avoided the spotlight for years, allowing others to address the team's competitive and financial struggles, he has more recently chosen the start of spring training to answer his numerous critics.

In 2011, he stood at the complex and rebutted accusations that he was willfully blind to the Ponzi scheme perpetrated by Bernard L. Madoff.

In 2012, he was back, disputing the notion that he and Saul Katz, the team's co-owner, might have to sell the club because of a daunting assortment of financial losses and legal entanglements, some of them stemming from the Mets' financial links to Madoff. On Wednesday, it was essentially Part 3, but this time Wilpon was less combative and more optimistic. He portrayed the Mets as a franchise on the cusp of success, asserting that ownership was now prepared — and capable — of spending whatever it would take to make the team competitive again, even though the Mets' only major expenditures this off-season have been to extend David Wright's contract and to write off the remaining year on Jason Bay's nightmarish deal. Wilpon asserted that the diminished payroll now overseen by general manager Sandy Alderson — it stands at a little more than \$90 million — was open to being increased, perhaps back to the \$140 million-plus level once maintained by the team's previous general manager, Omar Minaya.

Wilpon was not specific as to just when Alderson might open the spigots, although he did say there was a "50-50" chance that Alderson would do something significant in the middle of the 2013 season to improve the team if its performance

suggested, "the payroll will be commensurate with anything we've ever done, because we can do it."

Wilpon spoke for about 20 minutes before about two dozen members of the media, who gathered around him near a bullpen area. It

filed against Wilpon and Katz and settled a year ago for far less, was the primary reason the team was forced to cut its payroll so much in recent times.

"It wasn't as people had written, the reason," Wilpon said. "It was a bal-

anybody."

He went on: "We have mortgages on buildings and stuff like that. But we don't owe a dollar. That's what made us tight. We were still getting revenues, but those revenues were going to pay off debt. That's done."

However, Howard Megdal, a writer for the website Capital New York, posted an article Wednesday that cited Uniform Commercial Code filings from earlier this week that, he said, showed Wilpon, Katz and other family members still had an unspecified amount of outstanding debts.

In addressing the state of the Mets, Wilpon also appeared to conflate team and personal finances.

The franchise remains heavily leveraged. Wilpon did not discuss the several hundred million dollars of debt still attached to the club or the refinancing of the SNY network — which is said to total \$700 million — or the remaining hundreds of millions of dollars in debt on CitiField. Last December, the hundreds of millions of dollars in bonds issued to finance the stadium were rated "junk status" by Standard & Poor's. A Mets spokesman declined a request to clarify Wilpon's statements.

The specter of Madoff still exists, too. The settlement with the trustee representing the victims of Madoff's fraud scheme required that Wilpon and Katz assign the \$178 million they were due to receive from their "net loser" accounts with Madoff to repay the \$162 million in fictitious profits they withdrew from other accounts. Based on recoveries made by the trustee up to this point, Wilpon and Katz have so far lost out on getting back about \$76 million of the \$178 million total.

At one point Wednesday, Wilpon was asked whether he thought the Mets would be profitable this season. "I hope," he responded.

"Who knows?" he added. "Will the fans come out? It all depends on whether the fans come out." □



Fred Wilpon, center, the principal owner of the New York Mets, speaks to reporters during the team's spring training in Port St. Lucie, Fla. Wilpon has generally avoided the spotlight for years, allowing others to address the team's competitive and financial struggles, but he has more recently chosen the start of spring training to answer his numerous critics.

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on the field justified such a move. "Everything that was in the past — you guys saw the pain we went through — is gone," Wilpon added, noting that the stock and real estate markets were up and that the Mets' television network, SNY, was thriving. Soon enough, he

was not a setting that allowed for much back and forth, although in more formal circumstances he might have found some of his statements more closely challenged. For instance, he denied that the Madoff issue, which included a \$1 billion lawsuit that was

once there. Because we had to make sure that the banks got paid off all of the debt. There's no one in my family — the Katz family, the Wilpon family, the kids — there's no one that has any personal bank debt. Everything has been paid. We don't owe a dollar to